



BLUE AND GRAY



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The Washington-Lee Cheerleaders gathered together to show their spirit and radiant smiles at halftime during the football game.

These proud sophomores enjoy themselves as they watch the Homecoming pep rally.



Jermaine Pearson and Porsha Glover celebrate a Generals touchdown at the Homecoming Football game.

Freshman Jenny Jones pauses during the decorating of the victorious freshman hall to strike a pose for the camera.



Members of the determined and hardworking General football team of 1996 stop and recognize the flag for the national anthem.



LIKE NEVER BEFORE

What is on that pillar? The first day of school reminded Washington-Lee students of the fading days of the 1996 school year, when summer was fast approaching and W-L students and teachers were led by Mrs. Powell in their busy decoration of the school pillars. The artwork on the square, stout beam was a representation designed to show the various countries which W-L students call home. These fifty countries ranging from Guatemala to Nigeria to Australia to Russia show that W-L is definitely a school like none other.

Once inside the building, the ever-familiar aroma and surroundings of the cafeteria invaded the senses of W-L students. New artwork was visible to the eye which read "Seniors 1997." This "senior stencil" was artistically displayed as it wrapped around the senior commons, above the infamous senior lockers. Mrs. Jeens (1996 Teacher of the Year) has seen many ried high school, as now. But this clever her eye, stirring her nior class "one of the



The 1996-1997 aca- introduction of the la- national Baccalaureate direction of Mrs. "IB" classes were de- students for the rigors life. The IB program has been offered all over the world as well as the United States. Junior **Courtney Wyckoff** said: "It has given me a chance to relate to students around the world and learn more about myself at the same time." The program challenged students who were academically motivated and drastically changed their study habits and preparation skills. W-L curriculum was elevated to an even higher level.

Washington-Lee has been a high school that has reflected the diverse society of the country we live in. Washington-Lee's commitment to excellence and tradition of tolerance has allowed the students and teachers to excel in a world and community filled with turmoil. The past and continuing success of W-L students has showed that Washington-Lee is a high school like none other, and 1996 was a year "*like never before.*"

--Eric Klintberg



STUDENT LIFE

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"UNITED WORKS BETTER"

Our first all-school assembly was held on October 29, 1996. Many faculty and staff members worked extremely hard to show what a diverse school like Washington-Lee High School has to offer. A member of the U.N. Week Committee, Assistant Principal **Mrs. Margarita Cruz**, welcomed students to the assembly and emphasized that programs like this show how much we value our diverse student population.

The Madrigal Singers, under the direction of **Mrs. Mary Hannah Klontz**, serenaded us with beautiful songs including the national anthem, "Je te vous Dirai" and "Te Quiero." Several students, under the direction of **Mrs. Ailenda Mangan**, modeled traditional outfits worn in over 18 countries.

They spoke to students saying "hello" in their native languages and proudly stated the country that they represented. The "Parade of Nations" was an intriguing sight to see.

Mrs. Natalie Root and **Mrs. Colleen Auerbach** gave awards in different categories. Although there were many winners (**Dee Caza**; **Alicia Martin**; **Graciela Sandoval**; **Jose Torres** for the poster contest, and **Danny Montoya** and **Elizabeth King** for the essay contest), **Cynthia Pino** placed first in the poster contest, and **Salman Azam** and **Mark Herbert** placed first in the essay contests. Our guest speaker **Ms. Joan Hills** (Deputy Director or the U.N. Information Centre in

Washington D. C.) recalled many success stories the U.N. has for helping countries all around the world.

Six students (**Carlos Fernandez**, **Christie Watson**, **Ben Canales**, **Edith Guevara**, **Line Laouaouda**, and **Aziz Jelbaoui**) read the famous poem, "L' Homme qui te ressemble" by Rene Philhorne in French, English and Spanish. The hard work, content and enthusiasm for the program proved that, whether UN week or not, for W-L, "United Always Works Better!"

Sopita Lamsamhoph of Thailand and Claudia Castillo of El Salvador wait patiently as Mrs. Ailenda Mangan gives students last minute instructions.

Lorie Lee, Sherwin Abris, Louise Custodio and Jason Santos had the W-L audience mesmerized with their beautiful clothing and dance.



SCA President, Patrick Kunze, listened attentively as students said "hello" in their native language and English.



The Madrigal Singers serenaded the audience with several beautiful songs.

Line Laouaouda and Aziz Jelbaoui read a famous poem in French, Spanish and English.



Ji Khan, Jin Jing, Merly Rafols, Sergio Moreno and Henry Reyes were excited about hearing students sing songs in their native languages.



Muna Jarik of Ethiopia, Socheata Toun of Cambodia and Gloria Wilson of the U.S.A. became best friends at the U.N. assembly rehearsals.



These seniors are smiling as they show off their first-place certificate for the float competition.

Sophomore **Meghan Dougherty** is happy to stay after school to help decorate the hall.



The juniors supported the football team with their theme "Sock the Seahawks".



Freshman **Jenny Jones** smiles as she works on hall decorating.

GENERAL SPIRIT

What does "General Pride" mean to you? At some schools, pride means a successful football team. At others it means a legacy or tradition among their school and their rivals. At Washington-Lee, however, school spirit is something that is part of every student. When the spirit and pride of W-L students is put together, it is a force to be reckoned with.

The spirit of the students at

Washington-Lee was evident with the unveiling of the Homecoming floats and hall decorating by the freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes.

Despite their youth, the freshmen class put forth a valiant effort and won the hall decorating competition. In the float competition the seniors proved their mettle as they emerged victorious with their intricate, well

designed float with the theme "Barbeque the Seahawks."

The spirit and pride of the Generals will never cease. The spirit of W-L does not end as one class graduates, but it becomes even stronger as new, energetic students are initiated into the W-L tradition of spirit, pride, and honor.

The sophomore class shows their class spirit in the theme "Cream the Seahawks."

Junior Elizabeth Jernigan supports her class by staying after school in her crazy day outfit during hall decorating.



Senior Karla Escalante seems confused about how to decorate her hall.

Freshmen show their satisfaction in getting second place for the float competition.

SHOWIN' THAT SPIRIT

Washington-Lee students pulled together another successful Spirit Week. Unfortunately with only four days instead of five. Spirit Week occurred one week before Homecoming. The school had different categories of which they were to dress on a given day. This year Spirit Week fell on Tuesday, October 15 through Friday, October 18, 1996.

The first fantastic day began with Pajama Day. Students and teachers came to school directly after rolling out of bed. Everywhere you looked there was someone dressed up in pajamas, robes and slippers. Those who don't care to get dressed up carried around pillows, stuffed animals and blankets. Students would love to see more of their teachers dressed up.

October 16 was Formal Day. Students dressed up in really fancy clothes just for the fun of getting dressed up and to show off their spirit. Students feel that once in a while it is nice to get a little over dressed for school.

The third day of spirit, October 17,

was a favorite among all of the students. Seniors dressed in togas to show their spirit and how they have overcome all struggles. The togas are a rite of passage to being an almighty senior. This is the one day which the seniors get to rule over all the underclassmen. All seniors participate on this day. It is a day for the seniors to get together as friends. It makes graduation seem a little closer as this week goes on.

As for the underclassmen, they have another that delights them. The freshmen, sophmores and juniors dress up for Blast from the Past Day (as they look back on some of the earlier decades such as the sixties, seventies and eighties). This is one day you can wear any type of crazy outfit and not be afraid of what others will think. You wear the kind of outfits you find while rummaging through the back of your parents' closet. You discover clothes your parents are trying to hide because they are ashamed of the things they wore. Blast from the Past is the day when the earlier decades come

back! Some outfits ranged from poodle skirts and saddle shoes, to short little dresses and bellbottoms with platform shoes.

The last day of Spirit Week was Friday, October 18. Blue and Gray Day is a very popular day among students and faculty at Washington-Lee. Students and teachers dressed in blue and gray to show off their school spirit and their school colors. The football players were very inspired by high school spirit on this day and were determined to go win our Homecoming game against the South Lake Sea Hawks. The cheerleaders and the rest of the student body helped the football team get "fired up." It was very nice to see how much school spirit people have. The end of the wonderful week brought rain which postponed the game until Monday, October 21. Spirit week is an excellent tradition and hopefully it will continue in the years ahead!



Love Martinez, Ana Barrera, Lisa Marshall and Carmen Rivera were showing off their school spirit for Pajama Day.



Jen Blitgen posing for a quick shot on Formal day, while on her way to class.



Lilia Alvarado, Lisa Marshall, Love Martinez, Debbie Khan and friends take a couple minutes during the game to pose for a shot in their blue and gray uniforms.

Marco Ovando is sporting his letterman's jacket to show off his Washington- Lee spirit with his blue, white and gray. The jacket also shows all the activities which he has participated in within the school.



Kellie O'Neal was caught for a picture, while trying to hide in class. She was carrying around her little Mickey Mouse stuffed animal and a dog.

Richard Kelso, Anh Bui, Laura Holman and Beth Goff set a spirited example for the rest of the student body, wearing pajamas to school.

GENERALS VS. SEAHAWKS

These four freshmen officers show their W-L pride by leading off the 1996 Homecoming parade. What a great way to start off their first year in high school.

Kerrie Salazar seems to be having those pre-Homecoming game jitters. The cause of those jitters seem to be unknown.



The 1996 Homecoming game might not have been the best but it was one of the most memorable. Disappointment was shown on all faces when they heard the announcement that the game was postponed Friday evening due to the weather. Still many came to cheer the Generals on Monday night.

The playing conditions were

not the best but the Generals fought and fought despite the drizzling rain. Determination was on all the players' faces but, in spite of it all, the Seahawks were tough opponents and the Generals suffered a disappointing loss. The game was so memorable because, despite the odds against them, the Generals came through and showed their fighting spirit.

Looking on the bright side, the attendants were breathtaking. All decked out in their best, we were extremely proud of them. Many who attended the game were anticipating the announcement of King and Queen. When it came not a single sound was heard. Lu Duong and Christy Abizaide came out on top. They were selected King and Queen of Homecoming 1996.



Eric Carter shows great sportsmanship despite the disappointing loss to the Southlake Seahawks.

These fans show their determination to see the Generals play, and they stayed despite the drizzling rain.





Robert Zalkind waits patiently on the sideline to get put back into the game.

David Huntoon and Mark Herbert cheered the Generals on with much enthusiasm.

George Martinez (who was Jamal Zaqqout's substitute) shakes hands with Charles Mann during the game.

Lu Duong and Christy Abizaid posed for the camera after being crowned King and Queen of the 1996 Homecoming.

Dancing the Night Away

A group of underclassmen show their enthusiam at having the chance to show off their skills doing the macrena.

Roberto Leon gets a bit to eat before he heads back to the dance floor.



This year's Homecoming dance was a tremendous success. The theme song this year was "Its All Coming Back" by Celine Dion. It was held on Saturday night, October 19. The students from the class of 1997 pulled together this year to make their Homecoming dance the best. With the wonderful help of senior advisor **Christine Vankirk** and her husband Robert, the students were able to decorate for the dance. Later, they were still able to go home and get ready for the big night.

The excitement of the dance was rumbling in all of the students, especially the the seniors. It would be the their last Homecoming at Washington Lee. Stores were packed with last-minute preparations for the dance. Car washes were full, lines of cars waiting to be washed and cleaned for the big evening. Hair dressers were booked all day with employees doing make up and hair for several students. Reservations were being made for dinner at the last second. Entering through

the Quincy Street doors towards the gym offered an astonishing sight. The decorations looked beautiful. The silver and gold stars glimmered as you walked through the columns. Everyone at the dance looked so beautiful all dressed up in their best clothes.

Even though the game was two days after the dance, the football players and cheerleaders were very pumped up and ready to win the big game.



Blanca Turicos and her handsome date sweat it out on the dance floor.



Sherwin Abris gives the 1996 Homecoming a thumbs up.



Elizabeth Jernigan is getting into her groove on the dance floor.

Anne Anderson, Mike Hadary and Kathleen McNamee get into a group hug for a picture.



Elizabeth Malleck seems to be concentrating really hard on getting her dance moves correct.

These Washington-Lee students smile as they pose for a group picture.

“The Best Laid Plans”

“The Best Laid Plans” is a comedy written by Fred Carmichael. The drama department under the direction of **Mrs. Gerri Filpi** presented the unusual comedy of modern spies November 14, 15, and 16.

Packed with laughter, rapid-fire lines and brilliant farce and wit, “The Best Laid Plans” was a big hit among not only the W-L students but also the actors.

The play centers around Ada Westbrook, an elderly author, who finds that she is called upon to act as a liaison between our government and enemy powers. During her Carribean vacation, a spy dies in Ada’s house. He has with him secret plans every government is after. The plans are now fair game and spies flock to steal them. The plans get passed on and exchange hands so many times that no one knows exactly where they are. The dead spy’s twin brother enters the picture and complicates everything further.

This satirical comedy seemed to have it all. The cast of “The Best Laid Plans” was led by senior drama student **Christina Alicea** who played Ada Westbrook. Strong supporting roles by fellow senior drama students were provided by **Kerrie Salazar** as Frances Daniels and **Barbara Lopez** as Phoebe Kraxley. **Maha Fadle, Matthew Fontaine, Victor Rortvedt, William Lancaster, Micah Utt, Tim Olson, and Elizabeth Jernigan** filled out the rest of the strong play bill of “The Best Laid Plans.”

Drama is one of the favorite classes for W-L students. The pictures on these pages indicate the class’s appeal to our diverse student population. W-L students feel that you not only learn a great deal about developing your acting skills in drama class, but you have an opportunity to visit the theater as well. All students enjoy the wonderful one-act plays that are put on at the end of every school year.

— Eric Klintberg

Victor Rortvedt, “Vincent Kraxely,” is taking a leap to sneak a little peek at the body in the window seat which is played by **Matthew Fontaine**.



William Lancaster is holding **Kerrie Salazar** while trying to wake her from her deep sleep after seeing Signung Gurskys’ twin.

Christina Alicea, played by “Ada Westbrook,” is imagining the way her new book will turn out while held up at gunpoint by William Lancaster, “Micha el Crenza.”





threw Fontain "Sigfreid Guralsky" a hop skip and a jump of excitement he has done so well on his first play at Washington Lee.



Ada Westbrook and her suitor, granddaughter, future grandson and her secretary are pending a time together for the evening to have cocktails.



Christina Alicea, "Miss Ada Westbrook" is taking a brief moment to collect her thoughts as to what is going on in her character's head.

A group shot of all of those people who helped to put together this wonderful play, including those you never see because they are always backstage.

Two Salvadorian students, **Edwardo** and **Fiorella**, take a break from a long day of sightseeing to relax and enjoy each other's company.

Even the staff at W-L participated in the exchange! **Senorita Cruz**, **Mrs. Sharbaugh**, and students enjoy the tour.



Washington-Lee is the only high school in Arlington county that is lucky enough to share an exchange program with their sister school, Escuela Americana, in San Salvador, El Salvador.

During the week of October 14-21, twelve students came up from El Salvador to spend a fun-filled week touring Washington D.C, and learning more about the everyday life of their American hosts and the student body at W-L. This was the third year students from Escuela Americana had the opportunity to

visit our school, and most of their hosts were students who had traveled to El Salvador last March, 1996.

Only Mrs. Jeens and other members of W-L's faculty could have coordinated such an entertaining and exciting week for all of the students. The Salvadorians were treated to a private tour of the Capitol, a tour of the White House, Arlington Cemetery, and many other D.C attractions. They held a live teleconference with the other three Arlington County high schools, where the Arlington students were given the

opportunity to learn more about life in El Salvador.

The Escuela Americana student also participated in Spirit Week and helped their hosts decorate the class halls and floats. They were able to spend their last night in the United States dancing and just having a great time at W-L's Homecoming.

All in all, the week created many lasting memories for the Salvadorians and the students at W-L, and everyone agreed this program was one of the best our school has to offer!

By Kelley and Meghan Dougherty



The W-L hosts and exchange students spend their last night in the U.S. at a dinner where they had the opportunity to say good-bye.

Meghan Dougherty and exchange students **Vanessa** and **Gabriella** smile as they say their final goodbyes on their last night.





ie, Gabriella, Jimena, and Raquel, enjoying themselves on their tour of



Sophomores, Cynthia Pino and Annie Tarott-Rinny get to know their exchange students at a luncheon with LASA.



The Salvadorian students pose with their hosts and other W-L students in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C

After a long day touring D.C., Kelley Dougherty and Misha Krepon finally get a chance to relax with their students.

A Moment of Thanks

The traditional Thanksgiving assembly was again held on November 27. After a busy day, the Generals took a moment to give thanks for our wonderful lives. The assembly was successful; there were excellent performances by the choir, chorus, the Madrigals and the orchestra, directed by **Mrs. Klontz** and **Ms. Jenkins**. The ambience was full of harmony and love.

The crowd went crazy and everyone stood up to clap when **Mr. Bethel** introduced to us **Daisy Blanco**, who is a role model and an extraordinary person who overcame

her physical difficulties to reach out for her dream. We have been honored to have her at W-L.

Mr. Les Albers, our speaker and teacher at W-L, gave a powerful speech on Thanksgiving. Everyone of his words touched our hearts as we looked back at thousands of Americans, including 50 from W-L, who had sacrificed their lives for our country.

The assembly brought us together when **Micah Utt** recited President Abraham Lincoln's speech on Thanksgiving. We also share **Lu Duong's** deep and sincere feelings

of thanks to his friends. **Brad Pilot** and **Cassie Turner** added a little fun with their "50 things to be Thankful for" list. Not to mention the Madrigals' wonderful performance "Let me Fly," a song that included a secret code word, and other famous selections played by the chorus and orchestra. The crowd went wild when the choir performed various medleys from "Grease."

It was a memorable assembly that made everyone realize how lucky we are, how precious each moment is and how proud and thankful we are to be a General!

Chris Tyre gets down with his moves during "Grease."

Violinist **Tien Nguyen** tries to concentrate during her performance.

Senior **Lu Duong** shares his deep feelings of thanks with all his friends.





The Madrigals' beautiful performance "Let Me Fly" amazes every one.

Roberto Leon and Nicky Gaines have fun dressing up and dancing during the assembly.



The chorus is full of confidence while performing their song.

Ricardo Calderon, Gareth Flowers, David Lassell put all their strengths into their performance



Freshmen cheerleaders stick together to show their school spirit with tattoos and face paint at the school pep rally.



Erica Camacho, JenWen Rumsey and Maria Buscemi are relaxing together during one of those few moments that they can spare.



Anne-Marie Anderson and Jennifer Blitgen spend their winter vacation together. It seems like they have a lot in common, just as most good friends do.

Friends 4-ever

Nicole Reinstma, Sophie Kelly, Rachel Tolliver, Vannary So and Eliza Langham gets a little cozy as they show us how close friends should be.

Friends, they come into your life when they leave you'll never be the same again. Throughout your high school years you make many friends, whether it's the people you "hi" to in the hall or the people you tell your secrets to. They're there for you in your happy times and when one of those bad days comes around, they're still there to cheer you.

Often times you take your friends for granted and you may forget to tell them how much you appreciate them. When the time comes and you grow apart, it's too late to make kind comments then.

Sometimes when you think that you don't have any friends, all you have to do is look around. The friends you make at W-L will always be a part of who you are.

Don't take friendship for granted. If people are nice to you don't forget to say a kind word or two to them from time to time. Acts of kindness should be reciprocated. Don't be afraid to return a smile or kind gesture. You might be surprised at what you'll get. A friend you make today may remain your friend for a lifetime. High school is only four years of your life. Live it to your fullest.

These three freshmen friends give us a really cheerful smile after they hear who the winners were for the hall decoration.



Wafa Abu-Ghannam and Ana Linsangan spend their free time together during lunch. It's very hard trying to find time to spend with your friends.

Kerrie Salazar and Erica Lopacinski having a great time at the "Back to School Dance."



Taking time out from volunteering at various tables, Nindy Gill looks at the hundreds of different crafts vendors had to sell.



Joe Eddy was one of the few senior guys chosen to play Santa Claus at the Bazaar. Thanks to the assistance of his elves, Jody Wright and Alice Davidson, taking pictures with Santa was the highlight of the Bazaar.

The Holiday Bazaar just wouldn't be the same without creativity of the announcers. The voices behind the microphone this year were Leigh Snyder, Lu Dong, and Jerry Poplin.

Jingle, Jingle, Jingle

Helping to keep the traditional class fundraiser going, Mr. Schelstrate volunteered his time to make pancakes

The DECA club was just one of the few clubs who spent the afternoon selling baked goods and crafts to raise money

The 1996 Holiday season officially started with the annual Holiday Bazaar held at Washington-Lee on the weekend of December 9. After many hours of endless work and preparation put in by this year's senior class sponsor, Mrs. VanKirk, and the many other eager volunteers, the W-L Commons was transformed into a winter wonderland of arts, crafts, food, and much more.

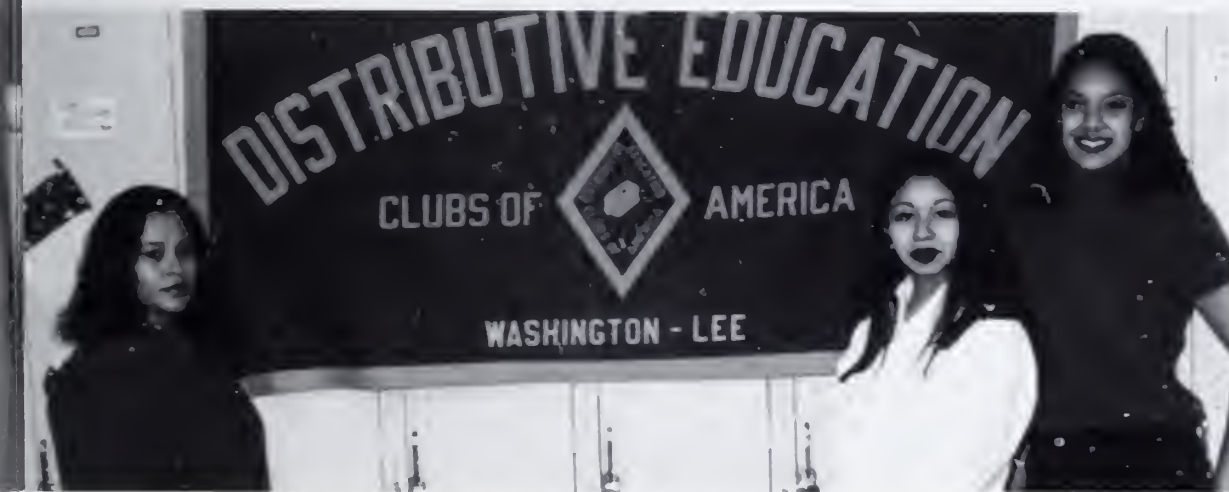
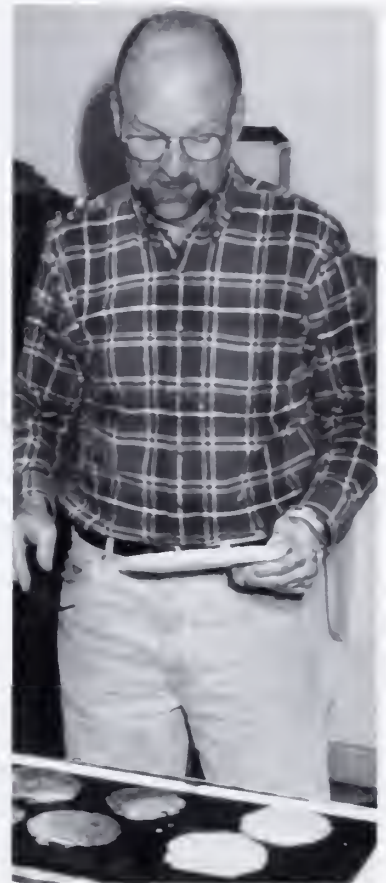
The vendors and students arrived early to prepare their food and display their merchandise. Each class

at W-L used this chance as a main fundraiser for their class treasury. The freshmen class donated a portion of their profits to a family in need of food and clothing this Christmas. Said class president, Nicki Gaines, "The freshmen class wanted to keep with the spirit of the holidays in giving what we could to those who are less fortunate than we."

Young and old alike were delighted with the traditional appearance of Santa Claus. Keeping with tradition, the "jolliest" guys

from the senior class played the role. This included Joe Eddy, Arnie Larson, Phillip Rouse, and Adam Solander. "I loved playing Santa", exclaimed Arnie Larson, "Being a part of W-L's bazaar really got me into the spirit of the holidays!"

Overall, W-L's Bazaar was a huge success! Whether people came to do all of their holiday shopping, or even just to enjoy the company of good friends and food, everyone who visited agreed: It was one of W-L's best bazaars ever!



Graham McBride and Clare Parker enjoy visiting with friends and helping out their classes at the Holiday Bazaar.

Abby Reed shows off just a few of the pine cone ornaments handmade by the Environmental Club.

These first place winners are satisfied that their hard work and dedication has paid off.

Freshman, **Owen Powell** is happy that he received third place in the fair with his biochemistry project.



A tradition at Washington-Lee in which many students participate in is the annual science fair. While many complain about the many hours (and sometimes years) of hard work they put into their research, by the time the fair arrives the students get very enthusiastic. Despite the early date of the fair, many were glad to get everything done so that they could have time to work on other school work.

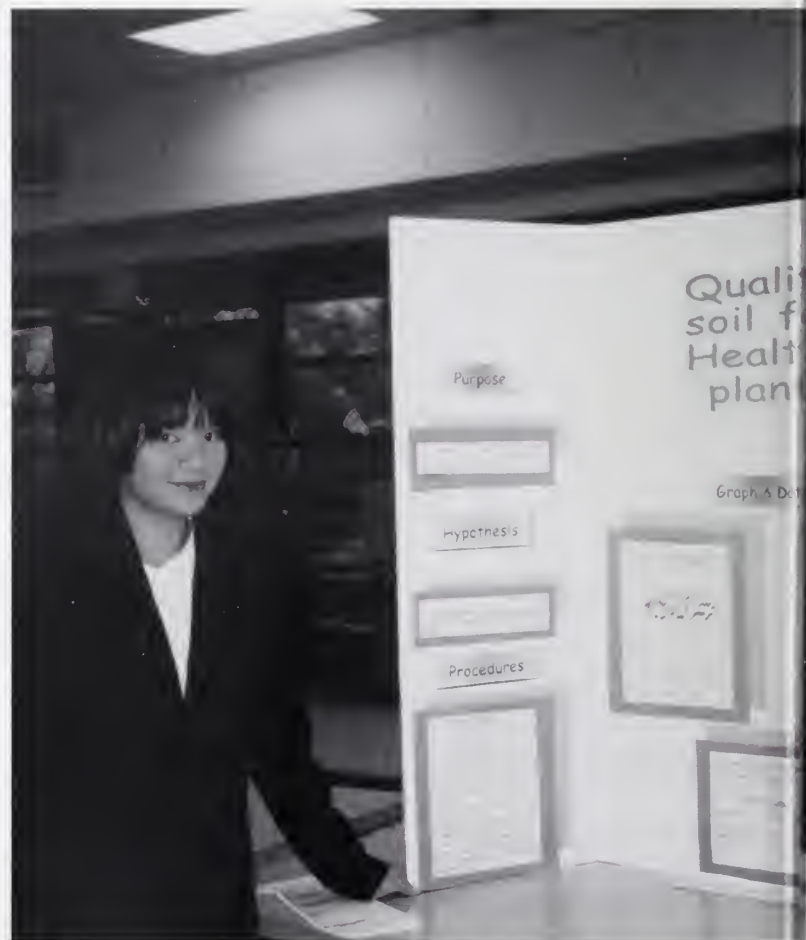
One of the most prestigious award a student can earn is the 'Best of Fair' award. The winner of this award gets the honor of having their name engraved on a beautiful plaque that is displayed in our main hallway. The student's name will be in fine company with other Washington-Lee graduates that have gone on to exceptional universities. **Tycie Young** was proud to receive this

honorable award.

There were several other diligent contestants that put their heart and soul into their project. Some were not happy with the result but determined to set a higher goal for next time. What really counts was the effort that each individual put into their project, hoping to bring honor and pride to W-L.



Tycie Young, shown with two of her science teachers, **Margaret DeLacy** and **Fred Weinhardt**, has good reason to smile.



Another freshman, **Nguyet-Anh Nguyen** brings the honor to W-L with her second-place botany project.

nee Courbois and Frank Faucett
joy working together as the Van Daans.

'The Diary of Anne Frank'

rector, Mrs. Geri Filpi, and the full cast
ieve that "In spite of everything,
ple are really good at heart."



Anne Frank was born into a Jewish family in Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany, on June 12, 1929. When she was four years old, the Nazis came to power, and her family fled to Holland. In May 1939, the Nazis arrived in Amsterdam, forcing the Frank family into hiding.

While hiding in the 'Secret Annex,' the attic of a warehouse where her father had worked, Anne recorded both everyday activities

and her innermost thoughts in her diary. She dreamed of becoming an author, never realizing that her diary would be read by millions. The family remained in the attic for over two years before the Nazis discovered them.

On February 27, 28 and March 1 the W-L Theater Department, under the direction of Mrs. Geri Filpi presented this poignant drama in the auditorium. The cast included the

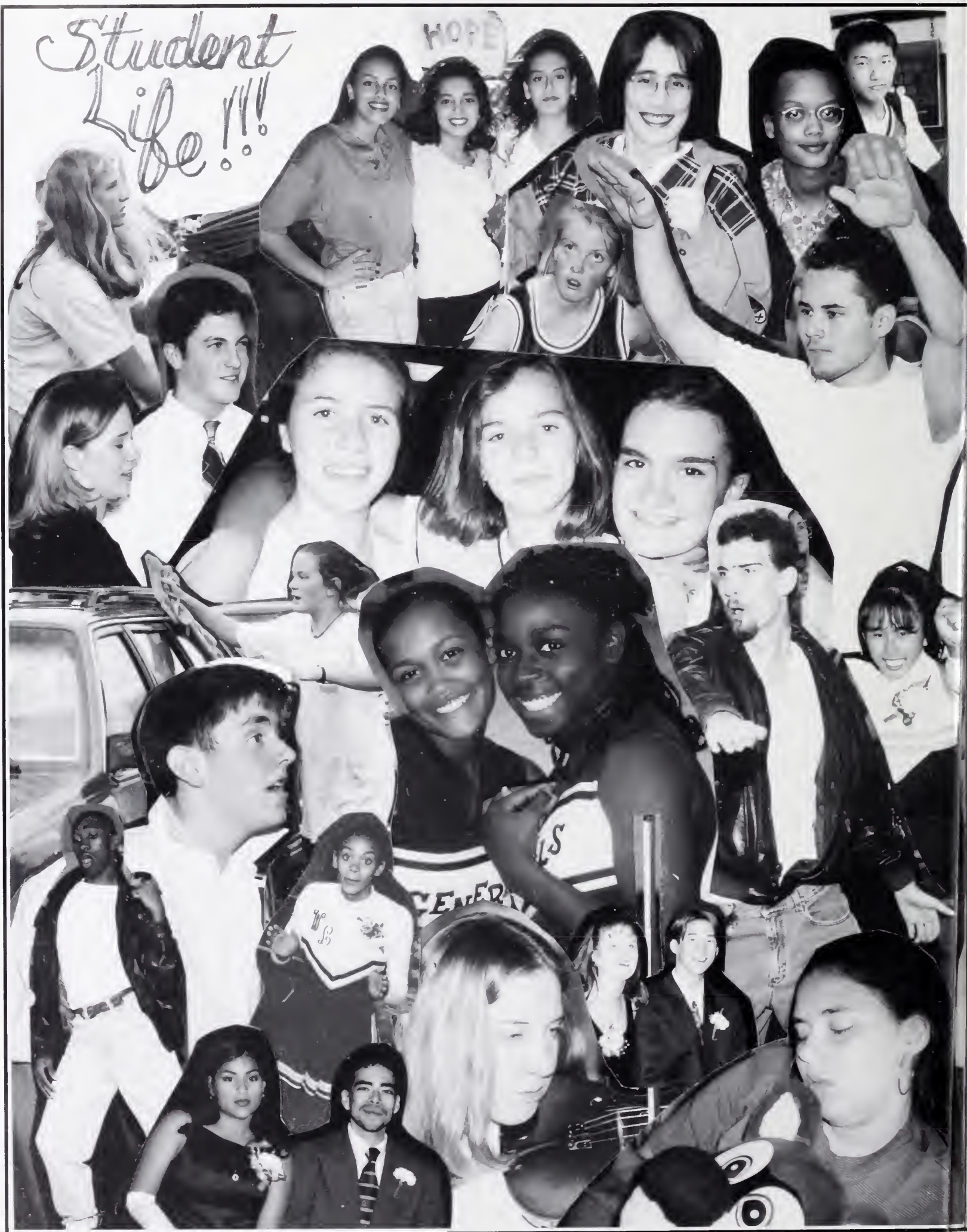
following students: Victor Rortvedt, Maya Thomas, Renee Courbois, Fran Faucett, Micah Utt, Jennifer Pratt, Kate Seikaly, Francesca Larson, Elizabeth Jernigan, Gordy Ruff, Matthew Fontaine, Gillian Hollar, James Sullivan and Jennifer Blitgen. The play received rave reviews. The set and lighting was simply superb. We congratulate the drama department for this outstanding production. Bravo!



Seikaly, Jenny Pratt, Victor Rortvedt and Elizabeth Jernigan as the Franks say, "the past two years we have lived in fear. Now we can live in hope."



Victor Rortvedt, as Mr. Frank, reads to the families for Hanukkah.





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CLASS of 1997

SENIORS

Senior Year! Graduation! The two go hand in hand. It seems like only yesterday that mothers and fathers all over Arlington County held their child's hands as they stepped on to their first school bus on their way to kindergarten. They have finally made it by reaching the end of their twelve year journey and prepare to move on to a whole new chapter in their lives. For some it was a bit nostalgic, for others it was the moment of truth. For most it was a time when feelings of excitement and apprehension for what lay ahead pervaded the minds of all seniors.

The class of 1997 was a unique bunch filled with determination, energy, and enthusiasm. It seemed that no matter what was thrown in their direction, they found a way to manage and came out shining. Whether it was homework, projects, college applications, papers or deadlines, this year's seniors were able to survive and managed to stay successful all they did.

They had their last chance to experience many of those things they took for granted as underclassmen. Football games, pep rallies, homecoming and spirit week all took on new meaning. For the first time they also got to experience many of those senior privileges they had only heard of--senior skip day, off-campus lunch, senior pranks and prom.

As seniors prepare to graduate and pace up for college, memories of the years past and expectations of the times ahead filled their minds. Names and faces flashed to mind, and memories of the precious moments of high school are recalled. Seniors realized that it was the mark of a long journey ended and the beginning of an even longer journey yet to come. Thanks for all the memories seniors. Good luck in life and all of your pursuits.



"Senior year was a part of my life that I will never forget. I learned a lot about myself and I had a lot of fun at the same time. Who could ask for more?"

-Eric Klintberg

"My senior year was a lot of fun. I have many fond memories that I will never forget and friends that I will keep close to my heart for the rest of my life."

-Marcus Stewart



"My last year at W-L was an experience that can never be replaced. Although stressful, I will always have many fond memories of high school."

-Karla Escalante





SENIORS 1997

The Class of 1997 has a big distinction from every other class in Washington-Lee's history.

In 1991 the Arlington County School Board decided that all sixth graders would move (a year early) into middle schools. If you did not attend an Arlington County elementary or middle school this may not have been a big deal to you. However, for those who were born and reared in Arlington that decision was something to think about. Middle school meant that you were one step closer to high school, a step closer to being "grown."

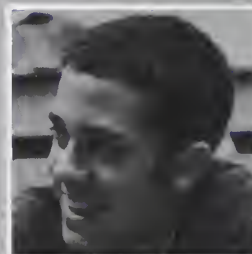
This year's class has set itself

apart from others in the areas of academic accomplishments and after school activities. This year there are more seniors on the honor roll, they are captains of varsity sports and managers of various sports.

This year's class is a class of a new generation. With a new millennium approaching, the Class of '97 will be ready! They will be stretching their minds and bodies fully.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate this senior class on all of its accomplishments. We wish each senior a prosperous, successful future.

"Life can't get much better than being a senior. Well, maybe it could, but this will do just fine. I will never forget my senior year."



Jerry Poplin



Ricardo Calderon stands poised before a game waiting for Mr. Robinson's marching orders.



Standout senior athlete Steve Clark enjoys a rare break during the football game.



These seniors take time out during their busy Homecoming night to pose for the camera and show what good friends they are.

Patrina Glover puts the finishing touches on her Homecoming banner.



Joseph Eddy concentrates on his studies, a feat that eluded many seniors as the year wore on.



Christine Abizaid



Sharon Abris



Sherwin Abris



Wafa Abu-Ghannam



Carlos Acha



Joyce Adames



Robert Adkins

"Two may keep counsel, putting one away."



Shahbaz Ahmed



Didnisio Aleman



Cristina Lorraine Alicea

"The Curious Savage"-Fairy May; "The Best Laid Plans"-Ada Westbrook; One-Act Play Competition 9-First Place, 10,11,12; Cheerleading 9,10,11



Anne Marie Anderson

Basketball 9, 10, 11; Crew 9,10, 11,12; Key Club 11-Liason, 12; S.A.D.D. 11,12; Peer Mediation 11,12



April Armstrong



Gabriela Arze



Tyra Lei Austin

Virginia Girls' State 11; African Awareness Society 12; Varsity Cheerleading 12;

"The few, the proud, the Marines!"



Paul Daniel Ayers

Wrestling 9,10,11,12; Baseball 9,10, 11,12; Football 9,11,12; Choir 9,10, 11,12; "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." -Phill. 4:13

Ali Azizkeya

Manjur Bablu

DECA 11, 12 (President); Mentor 12
"You could achieve your goals only if you try your best."

Carlos Baires

Steven Barton

Vicky Bautista

LASA 9,10,11(Vice Pres.),12 (Pres.); COE
9,10,111(Vice Pres.); French H.S.
9,10,111,12; French Club 9,10; S.S.H.S.
10,11,12; FBLA 9
"To preserve is always a reflection of the
state of one's inner life, one's philosophy
and one's perspectives."
--David Guterson

Deisy Becerra

Zoraya Becerra

Bolivian Club 9,10; LASA 10,11,12; COE
12

Cassandra Becker

Chorus 11; Choir 12; Drama 11; Environ-
mental Club 9
"Oh dear, I made it, Woo Hoo. That's what
Tiggers do best."

Janice Blake

Daysi Blanco

Jennifer Blitgen

Key Club 10,11,12; Art/Mural Club 9,10;
Environmental Club 10,11,12; Thespians
10,11,12; Technical Theater 10,11,12;
Sound Crew 10,11,12

David Blount

Advanced Choir 11,12; Environmental
Club 12; Welcome to W-L Club 12; Bible
Club 12; Civil War Club 12

Michelle Bowers

Advanced Choir 11,12; Fashion Merchan-
dising 12; Marketing 12; Leadership Forum
and Seminar 12; DECA 12

Christopher Burton

Football 9,11,12; Band 9,10,11,12

Luis Camacho

Wrestling 11,12; Football 11; Soccer 10;
"If you first succeed, don't do anything
stupid to change it." -Camacho 8





Rebecca Lee Canter

French Club 12 (Pres.); Advanced Choir 12; Basketball 9,11; Track and Field 9;

Eric Malik Carter

Football 11,12 (Capt.); Outdoor Track 11; Indoor Track 12; African Awareness Society 11,12;

"Cash rules everything around me."

-Wu Tang Clan

Omar "Troll" Castellanos

Spanish Honor Society 10; Football 11,12; Soccer 11,12; Wrestling 12; Band 11,12; Jazz Band 12; Marching Band 11,12



Suzanne Caza

Jeydy Celis

Brandy Danielle Celnicker

"The three Angels finally made it! I Love You, Juan! Thanks to all my parents!"



Yesica Chavarria

Larry Nelson Chavez

It's Academic! 9,10; Knowledge Masters Quiz Team 9,10; National Honor Society 11,12; Peer Mediators 10,11,12; Penman 12 (Assoc. Non-Fiction Editor);

"Life is much too important to be taken seriously." -A Wise Man

Tania Chinchilla



Stephen Clark

Baseball 9,10,11,12 (Capt.); Football 10,11,12 (Capt.); Indoor Track 11; DECA 11,12;

"A winner never quits, and a quitter never wins!"

Joseph Fred Cochran

Daniel Coila



Priscilla Siah Cole

"You want to prove yourself right, and prove them wrong."

Jose Contreras

Milton V. Contreras

Soccer 10, 11 (Capt.) LASA 12:

"It doesn't matter being the first one, as long as you know how to get there."



SENIOR SLUMP

WHAT HAPPENS TO THESE WONDERFUL STUDENTS
AS COLLEGE APPROACHES?

Who was it that said junior year was the most difficult of their high-school career? This year's seniors were quick to discover otherwise. To many it was just as stressful, if not more so than the previous year.

True, hours were no longer spent searching for those vocabulary answers or studying for one of Mr. Wyatt's ever so well known history tests; however, seniors found quite a few other things to occupy their time. Sunny autumn afternoons were spent filling out college applications and getting essays out of the way so seniors could have some free time. The Guidance offices were packed the day before deadlines, with frantic seniors who had waited until the last possible moment to get their transcript request forms in. Some had to be reminded by their counselors that, "No, laziness on your part does not result in an emergency on ours!"

Applications weren't the only

cause of stress. For many it was the demanding classes they signed up for in a last attempt to impress the admissions offices at their college of choice. Both Bora Lee and Brad Pilot gave up a lunch period in order to get one more class into their already tight schedules. Brad commented, "It was a total shock. I didn't plan this! Besides, it's just another class to fail. The good part is, though, I have an excuse to eat my lunch in class while everyone else starves. I don't even have to share...unless I want to." Bora quoted that, "I signed up for eight classes because it sounded reasonable at the time. Now I just think, why did I do this to myself?"

Despite the fact that not all seniors had eight classes, they were still able to find themselves in a slump due to the final seven classes of their high-school career.



Bora Lee and Brad Pilot are thankful for the extra minutes they have in A. P. Biology to read the newspaper.



Joe Eddy finishes his coffee in order to stay awake for the upcoming class.

FAVORITE COLLEGES

1. UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
2. NOVA
3. VIRGINIA TECH
4. GEORGETOWN
5. JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
6. GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
7. PENN STATE
8. NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

(POLL CONDUCTED AMONG SENIORS)



This senior relaxes before the start of his class.



gors of senior year seems to have caught up with
time basketball star **Marcus Stewart**.



Kate Seikaly dozes off in the middle of reading a book
for an upcoming assignment.

Jody Wright takes a deep yawn in an effort to regain
her concentration during an early period of the day.

Francisca Cortez

Renee Aline Courbois

French Honor Society 9,10,11; French Club 11; Key Club 11,12; Crew 9,10,11,12 (Co-Capt.); Field Hockey 10,11,12; Blue and Gray 11,12; Penman 12 (Assoc. Poetry Editor);

"Yes, there are two paths you can go by.
But in the long run there's still time to
change the road you're on."

Norma Cruz

Derek Dalrymple

National Honor Society 10,11,12; Golf 9,10,11,12 (Capt.); Riflery 9,10,11,12 (Capt.)

"The Man who thinks he knows it all
merely stopped thinking."

Alice Smythe Davidson

Tennis 12; Philosophy Club 12

"Once in a while you get shown the light in
the strangest of places if you look at it
right."

Johny Dcruze

William Deynesjr

Hugo Edgardo Diaz

Varsity Soccer 11,12 (Capt.); Varsity Football 11; COE Club

"The few, the proud, the Marines."

Sara Diaz

Leila Dominick

Jazz Vocal Ensemble 10,11,12; Environmental Club 10,11,12; Madrigals 11, 12; Debate 10,11,12

"Even those who appreciate the hallways
can find themselves in a closet."

Lu Duong

Varsity Swimming 9,10,11,12 (Capt.); Environmental Club 9,11,12; Newspaper 11; Philosophy Club 12

Joseph Eddy

Tennis 9,10,11,12 (Capt.); Environmental Club 9,10,11,12 (Co-Capt.); Key Club

Teresa Eldridge

Orchestra 9,10,11,12; String Tet 11,12; Field Hockey 9,10,11

"The Three Amigos will be together
forever."

Carla Escalante

Sophia Esterman

Crew 9,10,11,12; Swimming 12; Art Apprentice Program 12; National Honor Society 10,11,12; Social Studies Honor Society 10,11,12; Spanish Honor Society 10,11,12

"You've got to evolve with the picture."



**Maha "Xisiri-Ashiki" Fadle**

African Awareness Society 11,12 (Pres.);
Key Club 9,10,11; Dance Club 12 (V.P.);
Choir 11
"Don't let anyone tell you who you are or
how far you can get. You set all your
goals."

Frank Daniel Faucette

Football 9,11,12; Drama 9,10,11,12;
Shakespeare Club 9,10; Welcome to W-L
Club 12

Carla Florido**Carrie M. Fulton**

Softball 9,10,11,12 (Co-Captain);
Basketball 9,10,11; Key Club 11,12; Band
9,10,11,12; Jazz Lab 11; Jazz Band 11,12;
Chamber Orchestra 12;

Benjamin Gaines**Edwin Gaitan****Marlon Galdamez****Jose Garcia****Mousa Ghannam**

Basketball Manager 9,10,11,12; African
Awareness Society 11; Muslim Youth
Club 9,10; Football 9; Key Club 12

**Narinder Gill**

Key Club 9,10,11,12 (V.P.); Environmental
Club 9,10 (Co-Pres.),11 (Sec.),12 (Co-Pres.);
Bike Club 9; National Honor Society
10,11,12; Social Studies Honor Society
10,11,12; Orchestra 10,11,12; All-County
Orchestra 11; SADD 11; Welcome to W-L
Club 11

Adia Gillespie**Patrinia Glover****Lisa Anne Gottschalk**

Band 9,10,11,12; National mHonor Society
10,11,12; Social Studies Honor Society
10,11,12; Basketball 9,10,11; Crew 10,11;
Juggling Club (Co-Founder, V.P.)

Noah Gideon Greenblatt

Crew 9,10,11,12; Indoor Track 10; DECA
11,12 (Reporter); Philosophy Club 10,11,12;
Environmental Club 10,11,12

"It's all about the money."

-Snoop Dogg

Albert Guevara



Cory Shapard, Carla Esclante, Kerrie Salazar and Bianca Ronquillo display their work of art.

Jody Wright and Lu Doung smile as they ride around in the parade.



Christy Abizaid and Joe Eddy wonder who is going to win homecoming king and queen.



Cassie Turner and Kathleen McNamee work hard on the hall decorations.



The first place senior float is a big hit as it parades around the stadium.



Homecoming, Senior Style

Washington-Lee again enjoyed a successful Homecoming week. The week involved many events including spirit week, the float competition, hall decorating, the Homecoming game and dance. Homecoming week is traditionally one of the most exciting weeks of the school year.

Spirit week kicked off on Tuesday with **Pajama Day**. Students just rolled out of bed and came to school in their pajamas. Senior **Joe Eddy** said, "Pajama Day is great because you can wear your pajamas around all day and not look like a fool while doing it." Pajama day was followed by **Formal Day** where seniors dressed up in their nicest clothes. Thursday was the always popular **Blast From The Past Day**. Seniors came to school in their favorite outfits from the 60's and the 70's. Spirit week was capped off with the traditional **Blue and Gray Day**. Students showed their school spirit by wearing the school colors.

Included in Homecoming week are the annual Hall Decorating Contest and Float Competition. In the Hall Decorating Contest the seniors' theme was Welcome to the Generals' Museum. The seniors came in third behind the freshman and sophmores. However, in the Float Competition the Seniors did much better blowing the competition away and finishing in first place.

The Homecoming game, usually on Friday, was postponed to Monday due to rain. Many seniors came out to support the Generals. Even though the Generals lost, that did not ruin the experience.

On Saturday was the Homecoming dance held in the gym. The theme for this year's dance was "**It's all coming back**". The dance was a huge success. Senior **Jody Wright** said, "In my four years at Washington-Lee this was without a doubt the best Homecoming dance."



Brad Pilot poses for the picture at the Homecoming dance.



Even the rain will not keep **Maggie Leczama** from enjoying the Homecoming game

These seniors take time out of their day to help out with hall decorating.

Edith Guevara

Cross Country 9,10,11,12 (Capt.);
Indoor Track 9,10,11,12 (Capt.);
Outdoor Track 9,10,11,12 (Capt.); Band
10,11,12, Madrigals 11,12 (Pres.); Jazz
Vocal Ensemble

Michael D. Hadary

Madrigals 10,11,12; Jazz Vocals
9,10,11,12; Choir 9,10,11,12 (Pres.);
Chorus 9,10; Football 9

Nessim Hadiji "Sym"

Tennis 9,10,11,12; Football 9,12; French
Honor Society 12

**David Halliday**

Chorus 9; Choir 9,10,11,12; Jazz Vocal
Ensemble 10,11,12; Madrigals 12;
Sound Crew 10,11,12

Travis T. Hammond

African Awareness Society 9,10,11;
DECA 11,12; Band 9,10,11,12; Jazz Lab
11; Jazz Band 12; Percussion Ensemble
9,10,11 (Co-Capt.), 12 (Capt.)

Noe Hatchuel

Ice Hockey 9,10; Indoor Track 11,12;
Outdoor Track 11,12; Lacrosse
9,10,11,12 (Capt.); Orchestra 9,10

**Jeffrey Hawley**

Band 10,11,12; Percussion Ensemble
10,11,12; Jazz Band 11; Jazz Lab 11,12;
Orchestra 10
"It's the end of the world as we know
it, and I feel fine."

David Hernandez

DECA 12 (Pres.); LASA 12
"Nothing is impossible to a willing
mind."

Trang Ho

Key Club 11,12;
Environmental Club 11,12; Latin Club
12 (Co-Pres.)

**Paul A. Holland**

National Honor Society 11,12; Golf
9,10,11,12; Basketball 10; Crew
9,10,11,12; Social Studies Honor
Society 10,11,12 (Sec.)

Gillian Leigh Hollar

Madrigals 10,11,12; Choir 10,12; Field
Hockey 9,10,11,12 (Capt.); Crew 9,10;
National Honor Society 12

Jessica Lee Hollis

Crew 9; Advanced Choir 11,12
"We're all here for a reason, let's make
the best of it."

**Lisbeth Huapaya**

Varsity Soccer 9,10,11; J.V. Basketball 9;
DECA 11

Chris Hunter

Chorus 10; Guitar 10,12
"Even the meanest of people become
teddy bears...just remember they're
bears!"

Mona Hussein

Cheerleading 9
"You only live once, so live it!"





Camuan Huynh

Roman Iliassov

Claudia J. Irigoyen

Basketball 9; Soccer 10,11; LASA 10 (Sec.),11,12; YES Club 11; DECA 12; COE 12



Muna Jarik

Welcome to W-L 10,11; African Awareness Society 10,11,12; International Club 10,11,12; FBLA 9; Muslim Club 10,11

Anne Christine Jensen

Class President 11,12; Marching Band 9,10,11,12 (Drum Major); Concert Band 9,10,11,12; Crew 9,10,11,12; French Honor Society 9,10,11(Pres.),12 (V.P.); NHS 10,11,12; SSHS 9,10,11,12

Mark Jensen

Baseball 9,10,11,12



Kristin Jenson

Band 9,10,11,12; Varsity Swimming 9,10,11,12; Crew 9,10,11,12; Key Club 11,12; Latin Club 11 (Pres.)

Cenus Karim

Owen Keating

Band 9,10,11,12; Technical Theater 10,11,12; Jazz Band 9,10,11,12

"A connoisseur of hedonistic flotsam, aware of his weakness for accumulating."

-Coosje Van Bruggen



Mary Keller

Jay Kikel

Spanish Club 11,12 (Publicity Officer); Spanish Honor Society 11,12; Environmental Club 10,11,12; Tennis 10,11,12

"So wide, you can't get around it, so low, you can't get under."

-George Clinton

James Kirton

Track and Field 10,12; Homecoming commity 12; Rifle Club 11

"Life can change at the drop of a dime.

Are you ready?"



Eric G. Klintberg

Basketball 9,10,11 (Capt.); Crew 9,10,11,12; Golf 12; Swimming 12; Social Studies Honor Society 10,11,12; Key Club 11,12; Environmental Club 12

"The strongest evidence to prove that God exists is a beautiful woman."

Robert Knapik

Eric Knott

Environmental Club 10; Jazz Band 11

"Don't let anything stand in the way of your dreams."



What if **Paul Holland** could stay awake in class?

What if **Gary Vasquez** and **George Martinez** didn't wait to the last minute to do college applications?

What if the Class of 97' wasn't the most spirited?

What if **Tony Valdivieso** and **Alan Zebrak** didn't play football Senior year?

What if **Kathryn Wells**, **Chris Tyre**, and **Barbara Lopez** weren't the only seniors to dress up for Toga Day?



Class of 1997 ~ ~ What If...

There was a place to park

Bora Lee failed a test.

*Seniors could take Mr. Wyatt's
class again.*

*Sophia Esterman couldn't paint
and Mike Hadary couldn't sing.*

*Mousa Shanam never told
lies.*

*Brad Pilot didn't think he
knew everything.*

*There wasn't always a smile on
Eric Lopacinski's face.*

*Edith Guevara rowed crew and
Paul Holland ran track.*

*Seniors didn't win the Home-
coming Float competition.*

*Norma Romero had perfect
attendance.*

*Chris Tyre didn't dance at pep
assemblies.*

*12. The class of 1997 ever threw a
party.*

*13. Adam Solander didn't tell
stories.*

14. Eric Carter was not so cool.

*15. AP Biology was an easy
senior class.*

*16. Mrs. Jeens was not still teach-
ing.*

17. Jason Stanard came to school.

*18. Joe Eddy played football and
Tim Stroble played tennis.*

*19. Senior Slump didn't start in
September.*

20. Wendy's went out of business.

*21. The cheerleaders didn't drop
Rachel Newman at the pep ral-
lies.*

*22. Our Homecoming Queen didn't
move to Germany.*

23. Tony Puryear didn't get a

haircut.

*24. Jared B Hommedieu didn't
wear shorts every day.*

*25. Barbara Lopez was from
Florida and Jermaine Pearson
was from New York.*

*26. Lu Duong was senior class
president.*

*27. They checked for senior lunch
passes.*

*28. Everyone liked the new atten-
dance policy.*

*29. Seniors didn't go out with un-
derclassmen.*

*30. People actually tied their shoe-
laces.*

*31. David Hernandez wasn't presi-
dent of the Tommy Hilfiger fan
club.*



*What if Gina Ryan and Jody Wright actually passed an
Biology test, without the "curve?"*

*What if Eric Carter played more than half of the 96'
ball season?*



*What if Christy Abizaid went to W-L for more than one
year?*

Tarik H. Ksaybati

Crew 10,11,12; NHS 11,12; SSHS
10,11,12; Spanish Honor Society
10,11,12 (V.P.); Class V.P. 12

Patrick Arden Kunze

Crew 9,10,11,12 (Capt.); Swimming
9,10,11,12 (Capt.); NHS 10,11,12; SCA
9,10,11,12 (Pres.)

Arnold Larson

Football 12; Swimming 12; Golf 11; J.V.
Basketball 10; Key Club 10,11,12;
Environmental Club 10,11,12; Chess
Club 11; Philosophy Club 12

**David Lassell**

Band 9,10,11,12 (Drum Major); Rifle
Team 11,12

Jeovani Lazoferman**Joanna Pauline Lederle**

Tennis 9,10,11,12 (Capt.); NHS 11,12;
Spanish Honor Society/Club 9,10,11,12
(Sec.); Key Club 12; Crew 9,10; C-Span
12; Costume/Makeup Designer
10,11,12; Boys' Tennis Mgr.

**Bonmyong Bora Lee**

"I love the clouds...the clouds that pass
by...over there...over there...the
marvelous clouds!"
-Charles Baudelaire's
"The Outsider"

Edwin Leiva**Michael James Lengle**

Swimming 9,10,11,12; Crew 9
"Nice people are also intellectual: but
they don't realize it and can never
comprehend it when they are being
played for a fool."

**Glauco Leon****Magdalena Leczama**

Soccer 9,10
"Be forgiving as Christ forgives us of
our sins."

Erica Lopacinski

NHS 11,12; Key Club 11,12 (Treasurer);
Spanish H.S. 11,12; Spanish Club 11,12
(Pres.); SSHS 12; Cheerleading
9,10,11,12; Soccer 10,11; Christian Club
12; School Board Rep. 12; Chorus 10;
Governor's Japanese Academy 11; Va.
Girls State 11; Honor Roll 9,10,11,12

**Barbara Lopez****Jimmy Lu****Rachel Lugn**



Victoria Mahaley

Patrick Mallon

Swimming 9,10,11,12

"Take it back to when it was all so simple."

Christine A. Malloy

Softball 9,10,11,12 (Co-Capt.); Basketball 9,10,11; NHS 10,11,12; SSHS 10,11,12; Spanish Honor Society 12; Twin Towers/Lois 9,10,11,12

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."



Louis Martin

Crew 9,10,11,12; Varsity Football 11

George R. Martinez

Baseball 11,12 (Capt.); Football 11,12 (Capt.); Asst. Softball Coach 11,12; SADD 11,12

"If there was no tomorrow, how hard would you play today?"

-George Martinez

Isaac Matute



Kathleen Anne McNamee

Kayaking 9,10,11,12 (Junior Natl. Team); Swimming 12; NHS 10,11,12; SSHS 10,11,12; Environmental Club 9,10,11,12; Art Club 10 (V.P.); Philosophy Club 12

"The secret of life, is enjoying the passing of time."

-James Taylor

Brenda Mejia

Omar Mendez



Carla Mercado

Julio Mercado

Reyna Mijango



Sergio Montalvo

Larnice Moten

Maria A. Munoz

LASA 9, 10, 11, 12; Hilt Organization 9, 10, 11, 12; GANAS 10; Advanced Choir 11; Color Guard (Cap.) 11, 12

Class of 1997



Best All Around: **Lu Duong and Anna Penning**

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Best Eyes: Tony Valdivieso and Renee Courbois

Best Smile: Jerry Poplin and Edith Guevera

Best Dressed: Eric Klintberg and Kate Seikaly

Best Sense of Humor: Rob Knapik and Anne Anderson

Best Singer: Mike Hadary and Gillian Hollar

Most Athletic: Steve Clark and Michelle Watts



Most Unique: **Matt Tschetter and Alice Davidson**



Best Dressed: **Eric Klintberg and Kate Seikaly**



Best Eyes: **Tony Valdivieso and Renee Courbois**

Superlatives

Most Unique: Matt Tschetter and Alice Davidson

Most Spirited: Steve Sari and Alicia Petta

Most Outspoken: Jamal Zaggout and Lisa Tschalk

Most Intellectual: Derek Dalrymple and Bora Lee

Friendliest: Paul Holland and Cory Shapard

Biggest Gossip: Hector Ranero and Kristen Jenson

Biggest Flirt: Brad Pilot and Jody Wright



Best Sense of Humor: Rob Knapik and Anne Anderson



Most Athletic: Steve Clark and Michelle Watts



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Best Smile: Jerry Poplin and Edith Guevara

Robert Joseph Musser

COE (Pres.) 12

"Feel the jive, strut your stuff, to
'Stayin Alive'"

Yasmin Naranjo

J.V. Soccer 10; GANAS 10

Rachel "Rae" Newman

Cheerleading 9, 10, 11, 12 (Cap.);
Gymnastics 10; Student Athletic
Trainer 12; DECA 12; Latin Club 12



Gary Nina

Ninenna Njemasnze

Color Guard 10; Jazz Vocal 10, 12
"Nothing ventured nothing gained"

Brian Norton

"People who think they know
everything really upset those of us who
actually do."



Sarah Outland

School Paper 11, 12 (Co-Editor), 12;
Swim Team 11, 12; Dive Team 11, 12

Marco Antonio Ovando

Swim Team 9, 10, 11, 12; Gymnastics
Team 10, 11 (Co Cap.), 12 (Co Cap.);
Welcome to W-L Club 9,10,11,12 (V.P.);
Madrigals 11; Jazz Vocal Ensemble
9,10,11; Choir 9,10,11



Achyut "Raj" Patel

Prashanta Paudel

Alicia Petta

Basketball 9,10,11(Varsity); Wrestling
Manager 12; Class Sec. 11; Class VP 12;
SADD 12

"If I could see what's going on with
myself as well as I see what's going on
with others, I'd be 'fixed' by now."



Hoang Pho

Bradley Craig Pilot

Crew 9,10,11,12; Golf 9,10,11,12; NHS
10,11,12; Spanish HS 10,11,12; Social
Studies HS 11,12

"Do you wanna ride in the back seat of
a caddy?" -Outkast

Michael Pino

Gerald Scott Poplin

"It doesn't matter the size of the dog in
the fight. What matters is the size of the
fight in the dog."





Vivek Puri

Anthony Gerard Puryear

J.V. Basketball 9; Varsity Basketball 10,11,12 (Capt.); African Awareness Society 10,11,12
"I'm posted."

Najiba Qazei



Chris Quay

Newspaper 11,12 (Photo Editor); Environmental Club 10,11
"Though I'm not Oliver, if I was, I would say, 'Give me a stage where this bull can rage.'"

Hector Joshua Ranero

Environmental Club 10,11,12; Key Club 11,12; Spanish Club 11,12; Project GANAS 11
"We find in life exactly what we put into it."

Odili Reyes



Michel Rivera

"Well, it's kind of simple, just remain your own, or you'll be crazy, sad, and alone." -Q-Tip

Jeimy Rodriguez

LASA 10,11,12; Band 11; Soccer 11,12
"Be always yourself."

Norma Romero



Bianca Ronquillo

DECA 11,12 (Sec.); Key Club 12; French Club 12

"I dream about the wondrous things tomorrow promises to bring."

Philip Rouse

SAC 12; Golf 12; Baseball 9;
"There is only one thing left to do now...Strut."

Jason Douglas Roy

NHS 10,11,12; SSHS 10,11,12; Spanish HS 9,10,11,12 (Pres.); Rifle Team 11, 12



Luz Elena Ruiz

Honor Roll 9,10,12; Hilt Organization 9; DECA 11

"Remember that friends are born, not made."

Pedro Ruiz

Gina Marie Ryan

Key Club 11,12 (Pres.); Crew 9,10,12; Swimming 9; Soccer 10; Spanish Club 10,11,12 (V.P.); Spanish HS 11,12
"Sometime I wonder, and then I don't know." -John L. Sullivan

Most Likely To...



Join the Class of '98: **Adam Solander and Rachel Newman**

Brown Nose: Alan Zebrak and Kathryn Wells

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Be Late: Jason Standard and Tory Mahaley

Become Mr.Mom/Housewife: Noe Hatchuel and Joanna Lederlee

Become an Actor/Actress: Frank Faucette and Crista Alicea

Become an Artist: Owen Keating and Sophia Esterman



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Become President: Lu Duong and Anne Jensen



Brighten Up Your Day: Joe Eddy and Anne Anderson

Kerrie L. Salazar

NHS 11,12; French HS 9,10,11,12
 (Treasurer); SSHS 11,12; Cheerleading
 9,10,11,12 (Capt.); Class V.P. 10,11;
 School Board Rep. 9; Crew 9,10; Welcome
 To W-L Club 11,12
 "Fate determines who comes into our lives;
 our attitudes and actions determine who
 stays in them."

Gloria Salgado**Olivia Salinas****Steven Sari**

Crew 9,10; Computer Club 10,11;
 Philosophy Club 10,11; DECA 12; Rifle
 Club 11; Chess Club 10,11
 "The thinker dies, but his thoughts are
 beyond the reach of destruction, men are
 mortal; but ideas are immortal..."

Manilay Sarirannara**Phayboun Sayarath****Mika Schiller****Tiffany Scholes****Sara Scorza**

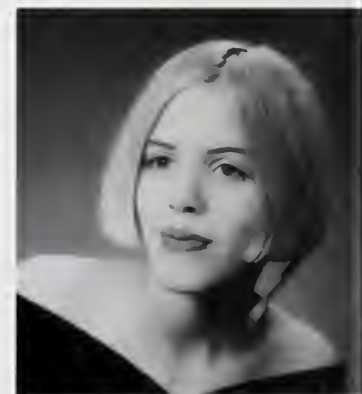
"Want me to save the world, I'm just a
 little girl" --Marilyn Manson

Mantej Sehmi**Katherine J. Seikaly**

"Every once in a while you get shown the
 light in the strangest of places if you look
 at it right."

Thaddeus Selden

Symphonic Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Marching
 Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Jazz Band 12; Sound
 Crew 9, 10 (Chief), 11, 12; Technical
 Theatre 9, 10 (Director), 11, 12; Juggling
 Club (Pres) 11, 12 (founder)

Graciela Serna**Rukhsana Shafi****Corinna Shapard**

**Wesley Snider**

AFJROTC 9,10,11, 12; Armed Drill Team 10 (Commander), 11, 12; Unarmed Drill Team 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9
 "To die, to sleep-to sleep perchance to dream. Ay theres the rub" --Hamlet

Adam Solander

football 9, 10, 11, 12; Baseball 9, 10, 11,12
 "Every man has a woe and a tail too bad there is more woe than tail "

Lensk Soriagalvarro**Jason Stanard****Marcus Stewart**

DECA 12; Yearbook 12; African Awareness 9, 10, 11, 12; Basketball 9 (Varsity), 10, 11 (Capt.), 12

Timothy Stroble**Gloria Thornburgh****Jose P. Torres**

Varsity Wrestling 10, 11, 12 (Capt.); JV Soccer 9; Varsity soccer 10, 11, 12
 "A real champion is who gets back up when he falls and runs the extra mile even when he can't."

Matthew Tschetter**Wigunda Tuchchan****Blanca Turcios****Cassandra Turner**

Band 9, 10, 11, 12; Madrigal Singers 11, 12; Crew 9, 10, 11, 12; Key

**Christopher Tyre****Gilbert A. Valdivieso**

French Honor Society 9, 10; Social Studies Honor Society 10, 11, 12
 Basketball 9, 10; Crew 9; Football 9, 12; Key Club 9, 10, 11, 12 Environmental Club 12
 "A dying man needs to die as a sleepy man needs to sleep, and there comes a time when it is wrong as well as useless to resist."

Manuela Vallejos



"After having two older brothers go through W-L, it feels good to finally have my moment at the top."

-Tony Valdivieso



Joe and Matthew Eddy.



Ricardo and J.C. Calderon.

SENIOR SIBLINGS

W-L TRADITION CONTINUES AS SENIORS GIVE WAY TO FRESHMAN SIBLINGS



Leila and Tamara Dominick are sisters.

Many members of this year's senior class have been lucky enough to be able to pass their knowledge and experiences on to their siblings, many of whom are still adjusting to life in high school. These seniors who have younger brothers and sisters currently at W-L are Ricardo Calderon, Kate Seikaly, Joe Eddy, Leila Dominick, Jody Wright, Cristina Alicea, Cory Shapard, Michael Pino, Alan Zebrak, David Lassell, Ben Gaines, Jen Blitgen, and Patrick and Bobby Mallon. Their siblings are: J.C. Calderon, Jenny Jones, Matt Eddy, Tamara Dominick, Melissa Wright, Emma Alicea, Michael Shapard, Cynthia Pino, Doug Zebrak, Nathan Lassell, Nicky Gaines, Scott Blitgen and Bridget Mallon.

Most of the seniors seem to enjoy having younger members of the family at school, even though at times younger brothers and sisters can get on their nerves. "I love my sister but we certainly don't get along all the time," said senior **Leila Dominick**. It seems that these seniors and their siblings are happy to be in high school together, at least for now..

Michael and Cory Shapard are brother and sister.



Alan and Zebrak.



David and Nathan Lassell.



Nicki and Ben Gaines.

Yesenia Elisabeth Vargas

"You can be what you want to be if you just believe in yourself and know you can."

Gary Orlando Vasquez

Basketball 9; LASA 10, 11, 12

Juan Vasquez**Jackelyn Villatoro****Johann Walton****Christie Watson**

Cheerleading 9, 10; Chorus 9; crew 9, 10; Girls Gymnastics 10, 11, 12 (Capt.); Choir 9, 10, 11; Madrigals 10, 11, 12; Jazz Vocals 12; Varsity Football 11; Welcome to W-L Club 11, 12

"Love is the greatest gift of all."

**Michelle Kesha Watts**

African Awareness Society 10, 11, 12 (Activity director); Trach and Field 9, 10; DECA 12; Varsity Basketball 9, 10, 11, 12 (Capt.)

Kathryn Elizabeth Wells

Crew 9, 10; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Key Club 12; Choir 9, 10, 11 (Pres.), 12

Nyniece Woodall

Choir 9, 10, 11, 12; Science Club 11, 12; African Awareness 10, 11, 12; News Paper 9, 10; Class Secretary 12; Spanish Club 12; Leadership 12; Dance Club 12

**Jody Leigh Wright**

Tennis 9, 10, 11, 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12; Crew 9, 10, 11; Class Senator 11, 12; Key Club 12; Environmental Club 12; NHS 11, 12; SSHS 11, 12

Marta Xinzola

LASA 9, 10, 11 (Sec.), 12; Welcome Club 11, 12; Soccer 9, 10, 11, 12; Field Hockey 12; Swimming 9, 10, 11, 12

Eric C. Yabar

Key Club 12; African American Awareness Society 12; Environmental Club 10, 12; Varsity Track 10; Varsity Wrestling 11, 12

**Charlotte Tycie Young**

NHS 10, 11, 12 (Treasurer); Basketball 9; Crew 9, 10, 12; SSHS 10, 11, 12; Science Research Club 9, 10, 11 (Sec.), 12

Zahid Yousaf

Wrestling 9; W-L Hilt Club 9; Welcome to W-L 10, 11, 12; Enviromental 12; Muslim Youth Club 9, 10, 12

Igor Yuzefovich

SCA Senator 9, 10; SADD Club 11; Morning Announcements 12; Gifted Apprentice Program 10, 11, 12





Jamal Attayib Zaqqout
 Basketball 9,10; Football 9,11,12; Soccer
 10,11,12; Wrestling 12
 "Good,better, best! I shall not rest until
 my good is better, and my better is
 best."

Alan Lawson Zebrak
 Basketball 9,10,11; Baseball 9,10,11,12;
 Football 12; Key Club 10,11,12;
 Environmental Club 11,12
 "A life is not important, except for the
 impact it has on other lives."

Seniors Not Pictured

Hani Abu-Ghannam

Edwin Ayala

Juan Benitez

Amanda Bond

Ricardo Calderon

Keisha Calloway

Mauricio Calquin

Rodolfo Castro

Sean-Bruce Caudron

Trick Claros

Racquel Dominguez

Nicholas Fernandez

Guillermo Fuentes

Maria Gozdawa

Charmain Harvey

Neia Herbert

Deniz Herrera

Marco Hurtado

Mohammed Iftaiha

Jardine Kandrick

Jared L'Hommedieu

Laila Labriny

Michael Lazo

Lawrence Mason

Meredith Meyer

Olivia Salinas Ninoska

Antej Nuhanovic

Jin Woo Pak

Carlo Pascasio

Jermaine Pearson

Anna Penning

Hector Perla

Hoang C. Pho

Steve Portillo

Lakeba Ricks

David Anto Romero

Norma Romero

Jason Roy

Luis Raul Sura

Minh Hoang Tran

John H. Vi

Jonathan Walton

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

This year the Senior Class has assembled a great group of students to represent them. These officers not only excel in the classroom; they are also involved in many civic and extracurricular activities. This year's officers were: President, **Anne Jensen**; Vice-Presidents, **Bora Lee** and **Alicia Petta**; Treasurer, **Tarek Ksybati**; Secretary, **Nyniece Woodall**; Senators, **Jody Wright**, **Cassie Turner** and **Jason Roy** and School Board Representatives, **Nindy Gill** and **Erica Lopacinski**.

This year's officers and representatives had a lot to accomplish and only a short time to do everything. The biggest obstacle was making sure that the class raised enough money to have a wonderful prom and to make sure that prom was not within walking distance from the school!

This year there were many fund-raisers early in the year. The senior class officers organized all fundraising activities. The first major fund-raiser was the Annual Senior Class Car Wash, which was a big hit. The profits were much more than expected and everyone was pleased. The seniors' next major event was the Back to School Dance. The dance was held in late September. For freshmen it was an opportunity to say "Wow, I went to my first high school dance." For Seniors it was their first opportunity to finally claim the school as "theirs."

Along with the many fund-raising activities the class officers also relayed important information to their classmates regarding senior-sponsored events which traditionally include Homecoming, the Hoilday Bazaar and, of course, the Senior Prom. Usually the class officers met only once a month. However, when preparing for a major event they met more frequently. There was a "Dues Drive" held in order to remind those seniors who had not paid their class dues. Just before graduation there was the big push to get everyone to "Get on the Boat" after graduation so there were fundraisers for that preceding this major event as well.

The Senior Class was truly lucky indeed to have such a wonderful sponsor. It takes a lot to come to school every morning, teach all day and, when the bell rings, not go home. **Mrs. Van-Kirk** has been a great sponsor, better than the senior class could have ever hoped for. She is a great listener and is always open to new ideas. This year's Class Officers and the Senior Class as a whole would like to take this opportunity to just say, "Thank You Mrs. Van-Kirk. We really did appreciate all your hard work and effort in trying to make this year the best for us!"

A candid of the Class Officers taking a break with their friends during the Annual Senior Class Car Wash.



Senator **Jason Roy** explains to W-L staff members why the seniors won first place in the Homecoming float competition.



Senior Class Officers, School Board Representatives,
the Senators with the class sponsor, **Ms. Van-Kirk**,
for a quick pic during a meeting.

or **Jody Wright** shows her school spirit by
ing up during Spirit Week. Here she is for Pajama
with her Christmas hat and all!

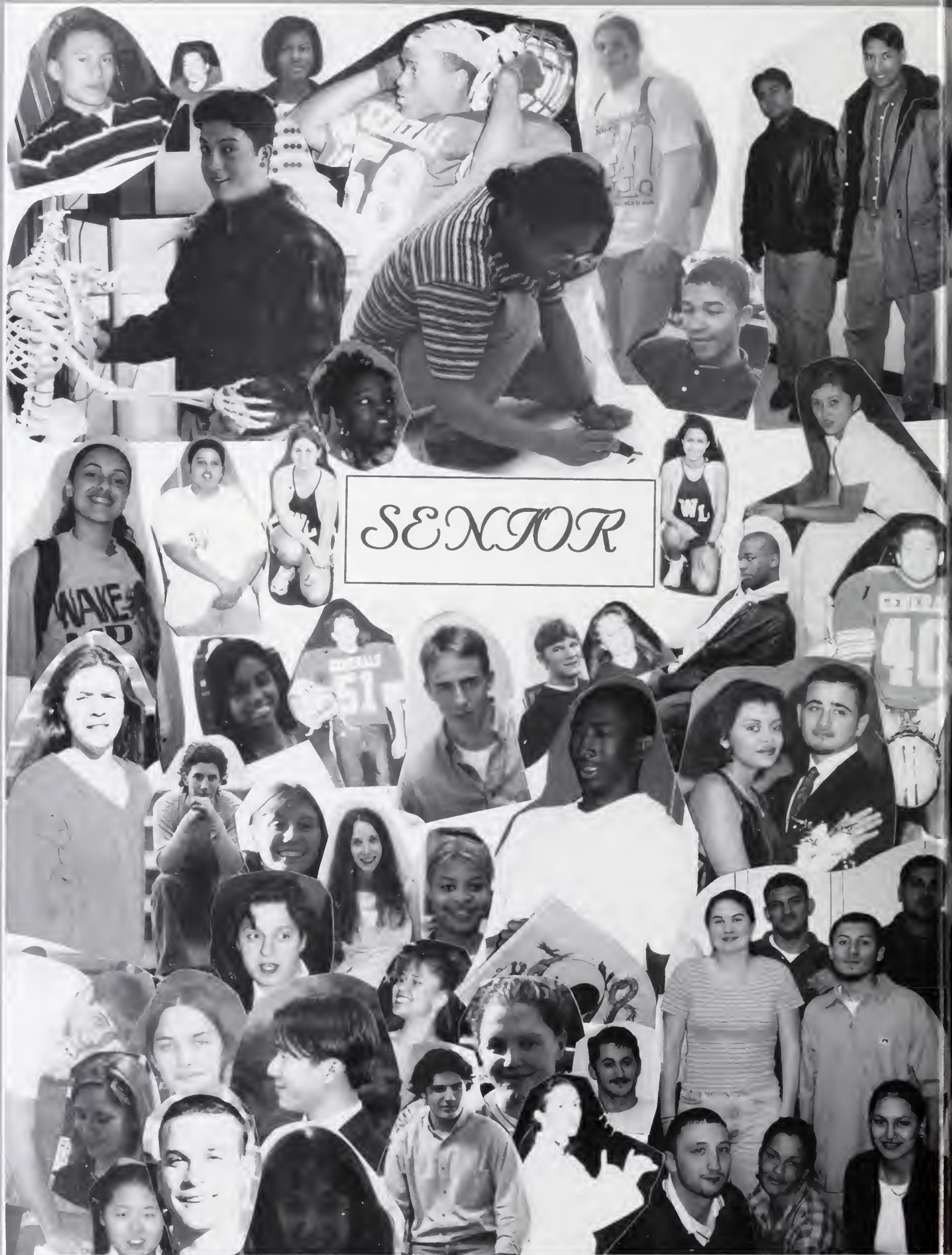


Treasurer **Tarek Ksyabati** listens carefully as finances are discussed.



Cassie Turner looks through a magazine trying to find the perfect prom theme.

Yet another picture of the Class Officers, plus some of the senior class helping out.



SENIOR



The Way... We Were

1. Erica Lopacinski
2. Jody Wright
3. Frank Faucette
4. Renee Courbois
5. Tyra Austin
6. Lu Duong
7. Tony Valdivieso
8. Barbra Lopez
9. Jen Blitgen
10. Alan Zebrak
11. Eric Wintberg
12. Marcus Stewart
13. Joe Eddy





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97 Things Seniors Are Most Thankful For

1. Lockers in the Commons
2. Senior lunch passes
3. Friday nights
4. Windy Run
5. Senior Pictures
6. Homecoming 96
7. Teacher workdays
8. Senior Skip Day
9. After school specials
10. Half days
11. Penman
12. Two lunches
13. McDonalds 2 for 2
14. Football games
15. Fire drills
16. Officer Jolley
17. 3 day weekends
18. Pregame
19. Nautica
20. A. P. Biology
21. Curves
22. Snack machines
23. Quarters
24. Riding shotgun
25. TicTacs
26. Solitaire on the computer
27. College representatives
28. Road trips
29. Getting mail
30. Inside jokes
31. Fake I.D.'s
32. Assemblies
33. Hotels
34. Substitutes- Mrs. Gerber and Mr. Augenblick
35. Timberlands
36. Camping trips
37. Spades
38. Pep rallies
39. Cliff Notes
40. Wendy's
41. Bubble Gum
42. Sleeping
43. Hugs
44. Good mix tapes
45. Snow days
46. Backpacks
47. Blockbuster nights
48. The X-Files
49. JCrew
50. Spirit Week
51. Chapstick
52. Colored contacts
53. Ice cream
54. Elmo
55. Sweatshirts
56. Singing valentines
57. Melrose Place
58. MTV & BET
59. Mr. Wyatt
60. Our King and Queen
61. Blow Pops
62. New Year's
63. Shopping
64. Getting a parking space
65. Friends
66. No more SAT's
67. Getting accepted to college
68. 2:10 p.m.
69. Walden Bucks
70. Penman Popcorn
71. Santa and his Elves
72. Parents away on vacation
73. Fuzzy bathrobes
74. Animal slippers
75. Thursday Night T.V.
76. W-L olympics
77. Our seats at assemblies
78. Warm socks
79. Tennis shoes
80. Crushes
81. Students of the month
82. The Simpsons
83. Taking pictures
84. Papier Poudre
85. Mr. Grove
86. Christmas
87. Field Hockey skirts
88. Mr. Walden's yellow tests
89. Yearbook
90. Being called out of class your counselor
91. Summer
92. The Farewell Assembly
93. Picnics
94. Passing all your classes
95. Boat Cruise
96. Prom
97. Graduation



This is one time seniors will never forget.

Jay Kikel ponders over what to buy from the snack machine.

Valdivieso somehow finds time during his busy yearbook class to play a game of re on the computer.

arsity Cheerleaders form a cheer during the winter pep rally.



Mr. Walden's physics classes expresses thanks over his ever so well known "v Tests".



Kate Seikaly prepares to begin her Penman Popcorn sales.



Renee Courbois takes time to pose for a picture with the senior class' favorite policeman, Officer Jolley.

CLASS of 1998

JUNIORS

It is often said that junior year is the most difficult and stressful year spent in high school. Well the class of 1998 will definitely vouch for that. Most juniors got off to a good start at the beginning of the year. However, they soon realized that it was a big change from freshmen and sophomore year, and they needed to improve their study habits.

In order to get all of the work done that came along with being a junior, this year's students had to cut down on the amount of T.V. and the number of hours spent hanging out with friends. Several juniors showed signs of maturity by taking on jobs, extracurricular activities, managing to get all of their school work done and surviving on just a couple hours of sleep. A common thought shared among the class of 1998 this year was that there were just not enough hours in the day to get everything done.

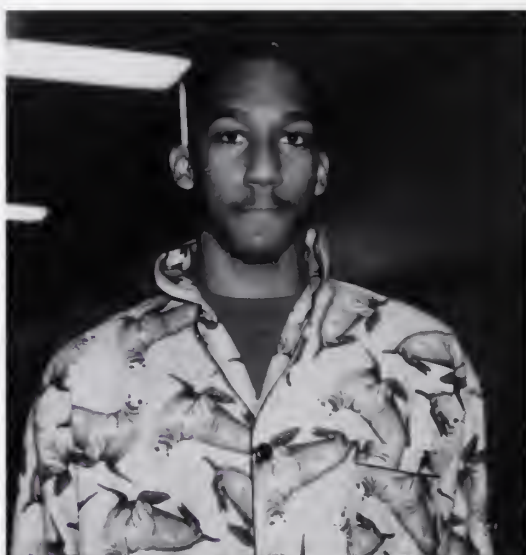
Everyone in the junior class seemed to be coping well with the stress that comes along with being an upperclassman, which included many important A.P. classes, endless vocabulary, taking test after test, PSAT's, SAT's, and starting to think about college.

When the juniors are not busy hitting the books you can see many of them out at your favorite stores trying to make some money. This extra pocket change is a step towards independence for many of them. You know what? I think that they are really enjoying this newly-found freedom. One freedom that the class of 1998 is enjoying very much this year is being able to drive to school.

With all of the stress and work that the juniors have gone through this year it is no wonder why they are eager for the end of the year. Becoming a Senior is a big step up which all juniors are anxious to overcome.

"Junior year is terrific. Great teachers, extended curfews, and best of all, licenses, made this the best year yet."

-Victor Rortvedt



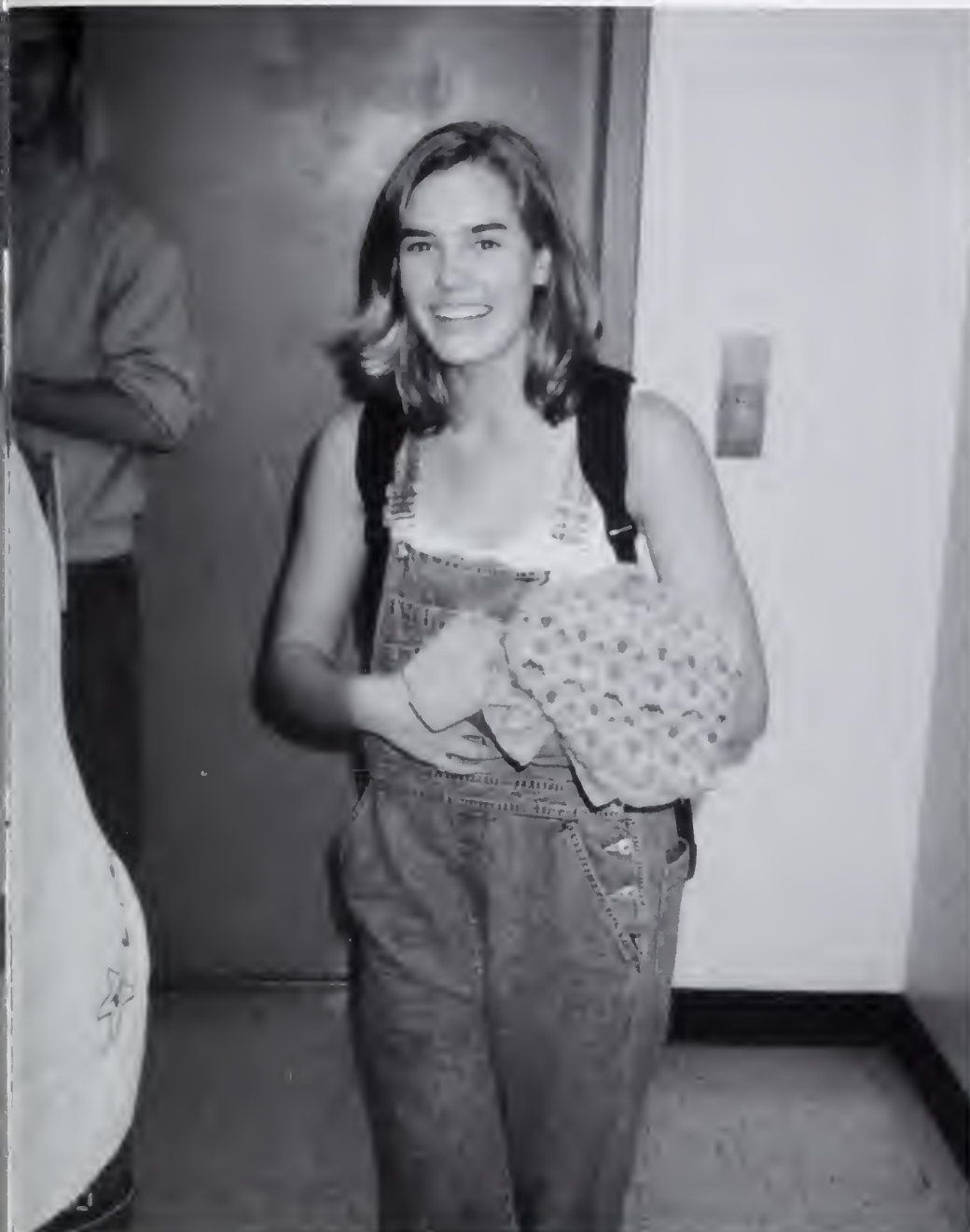
"This is the hardest year in high school, but it will all be worth it at the end when we finally become seniors and graduate from high school. That is the best thing to look forward to."

- Thomas Cole

"The work associated with being a junior is tremendous, but being a junior also means more freedom."

- Johanna Stamps





Laura Weems stops and smiles for the camera before going to her next class.

Mariam Azizkeya takes time out to enjoy the simple pleasures of life, like eating a Twix.



Oliver Becasse, Stephen Cook, Doug O'Rear, and Sopita Lapsomphop seem to be enjoying their junior year.

Jaime Johnston-McIntosh and Maria Buscemi can always be found smiling because they are finally upper-classmen.

Benyam Abraham
Carlos Aguilar
Razina Akhter
Nielah Aldrich
Faisal Almobarak
Lilia Alvarado
Ruben Alvarez
Shahriar Amin

Fredy Argueta
Jennifer Armistead
Mehnaz Ashraf
Davin Atoigue
Salman Azam
Mariam Azizkeya
Oliver Bacasse
Nadeem Baig

Chris Barber
Ana Barrera
Ismail Bashar
Keith Battocchi
Andrew Beck
Emmanuel Benites
Oscar Benjamin
Brhan Berihun

Benjamin Betts
Zeshan Bilal
Kevin Blount
Jarad Bort
Amina Bouadis
Melissa Bowers
Candice Brown
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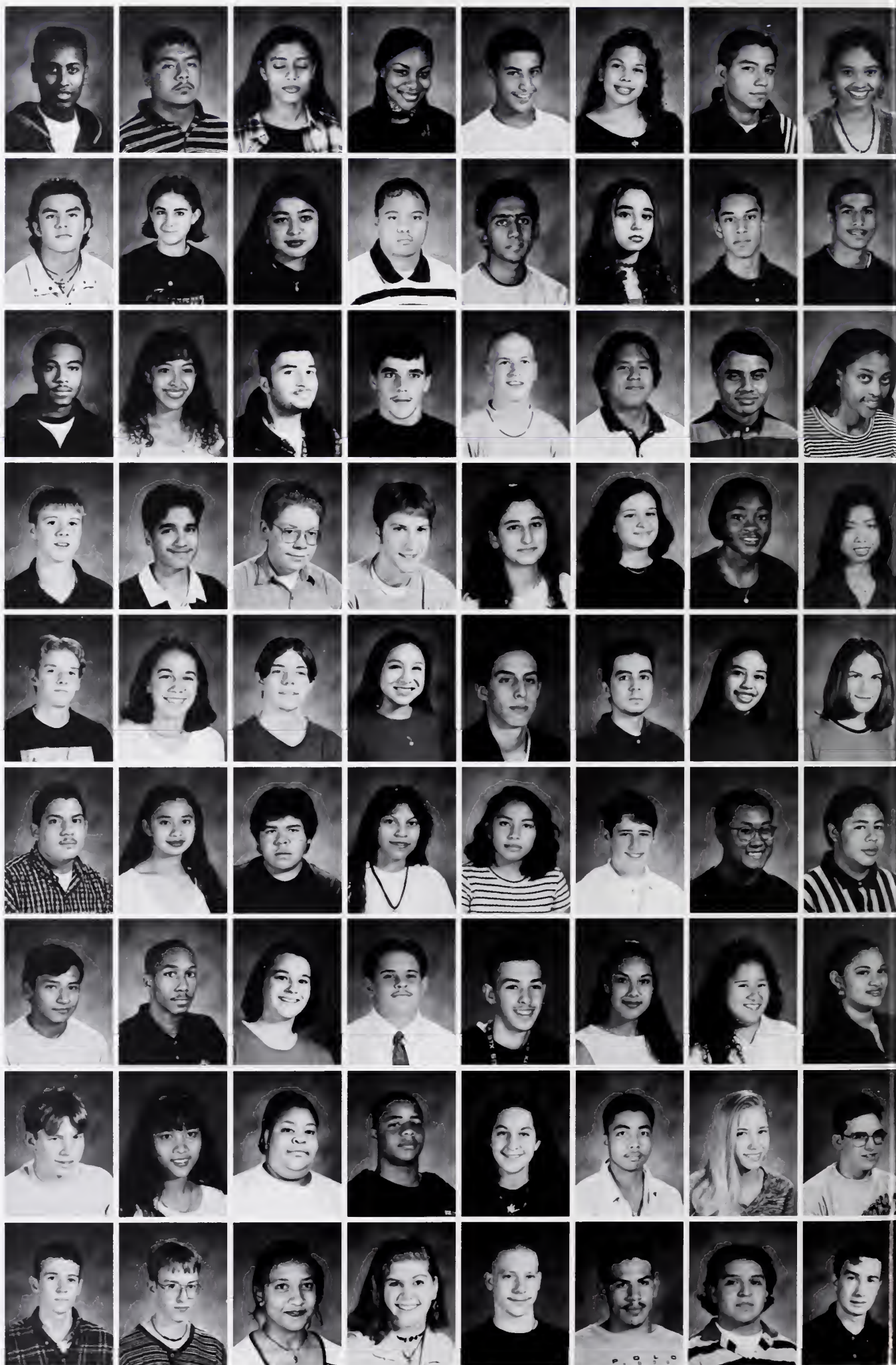
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Maria Buscemi
Jon Byroade
Erika Camacho
Daniel Campos
Mauricio Canales
Isabel Cardnas
Tina Carter

Jeronimo Castellanos
Claudia Castillo
Carlos Castro
Digna Centeno
Judy Chacon
John Chandler
Samnang Chin
Israel Clavijo

Mauricio Coca
Thomas Coles
Sharon Connor
Stephen Cook
Patrick Coppage
Linda Cortez
Cindy Covarrubias
Katia Cruz

Benjamin Danforth
Thi Dao Nha
Tamika Davis
Ronald Dawkins
Kara Decarlo
Paolo DeJesus
Jill Dewitt
Geoffrey Droppers

Matthew Eisenberg
Halbert Eldridge
Rania Elhassan
Marie Eppes
Micah Epstein
Edwin Escobar
Franz Espinoza
Alex Feidler



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS



class sponsor, Mr. Dave Peters, to be happy with the way the class are running things this year.



ie Brown, class president, is very ic that the juniors will raise more

lass officers (Robbie Woodson, O'Neal, Lauren Powell, Sharon Courtney Wyckoff and Candice pose for a group picture.

Senior year is just around the corner, and for the Junior class, that means time to start fund-raisers for their class prom. When goals were set for the juniors, their number one priority was to have as many successful fund-raisers as possible to ensure that they would have a wonderful, memorable prom (somewhere other than the route 66 parking lot). The determined juniors already had a very profitable car wash along with several other fundraisers including everything from the Christmas Bazaar to bake sales. Many juniors helped out and really contributed time and talent. Another fundraiser was the annual money-making roses sale on Valentine's Day. This was a chance for all classes to buy a rose and have it delivered to a special someone. Almost everyone in the

school participated in this fun event.

All dedicated officers came up with many money-making events to earn the money the juniors need.

Making the 1996-1997 school year successful were the junior class officers. They included President **Candice Brown** assisted by Vice President, **Lauren Powell**; Secretary was **Kellie O'Neal** and Treasurer, **Robaline Woodson**; and the three Senators, **Laura Weems**, **Courtney Wyckoff** and **Sharon Connor**. "It is always a difficult task organizing exciting fundraisers but this year we really pulled together some great ideas," said Senator **Courtney Wyckoff**. The juniors' enthusiasm has been proven to be the best! Keep up the good work class of 1998!



Lauren Powell, Sharon Connor, and Courtney Wyckoff take pride in being class officers.



"I love being a class officer because I get to help my class raise money by organizing fund-raisers. It is very important to me that the class of 1998 have a nice prom, and it makes me feel great to know that I helped that to happen."

-Laura Weems

Erin Felker
Carlos Fernandez
Ada Ferrufino
Jose Flores
Taria Francois
Joseph Gato
Angela Garcia
Justin Geiger



Elizabeth Giles
Herscell Gallopp
Rosemary Gomes
Marketha Graham
Maria Grellana
Julie Grandon
Noris Guandique
Heidi Gumuchio



German Guterrez
Maurici Gutierrez
Maria Guzman
Heather Hall
Edward Hazelwood
Chhoeun Hem
Nichole Henrick
Scott Herbert



Jose Hernandez
Neonta Hinton
Liza Hollinden
Laura Holman
Masrur Hossain
Susan Hurdle
Hoda Hussein
Robert Huynh



Noinul Islam
Rosaelena Jaspers
Steven Jefferey
Trevor Jenkins
Elizabeth Jernigan
Monica Jimenez
Jaimie Johnston -
McIntosh



Darrell Jones
Asmeret Kabede
Ty Kaing
Sang Ting Kao
Bryn Karaus
Hiroyuk Kawashita
Asmeret Kebede
Richard Kelso



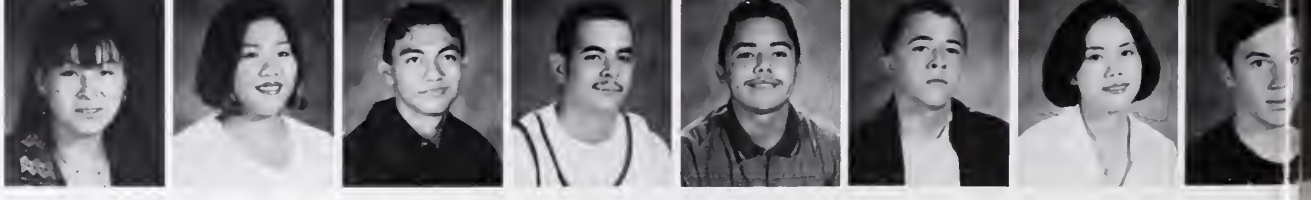
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Shamida Khan Akhta
Tomas Kirton
Michael Kramer
Leslie Lamas
Sopita Lapsomphop
Suzanne Lavere



Andrea Lazevnick
Han Le
Wayne Ledinh
Thomas Lee
Christopher Lengle
Ruth Lezana
Gary Linares
Katherine Linares



Shirley Linares
Ana Linsangan
Carlos Lopez
Victor Lopez
Nestor Lezano
Peter Lucas
Ly Trinh
Brian Lynch



Olson and Lisa Hollinden take to show off their outfits for Formal

Jessica Price shows off her spirit by dressing in her "blast from the past" outfit.

SPIRIT WEEK

Elizabeth Jernigan shows her spirit on Blast from the Past day but still manages to pay attention in class.

Tina Carter and Anh Bui are happy to show school spirit on Pajama Day.



Spirit Week was a great success this year. This is the one week out of the year that the students can come to school dressed in clothes that they would not wear out in public every day, yet blend in with the crowd. Even though it was cut short by a day because of Columbus Day, the juniors were as spirited as ever. The class of 1998 came to school on Tuesday dressed in their pajamas to show their school spirit. On Pajama Day all the students were able to get more sleep because all they had to do was roll out of bed. In addition to wearing pajamas, many of the students who dressed up were wearing their very comfortable slippers and carrying a stuffed animal.

On Wednesday, however, more

work was required to go to school. Formal Day was not as big a success as Pajama Day, but there were several students who came to school dressed up in beautiful dresses, jackets, and ties.

When you walked down the hall on Thursday it seemed you were in a time warp. All that was required on Blast from the Past Day was to come to school wearing some of your parents' old clothes from teenage years.

Blue and Gray Day ended Spirit Week as always. Everywhere you looked the students were sporting the colors blue and gray. Most had these colors in their clothes, while some had it painted on their faces, finger nails, and even in their hair.



Pajama Day just would not have been complete without Lilia Alvarado, Candice Brown, Jessica Packett and their teddy bears.



Heather Hall and Justin Geiger are all dressed up with no place to go, except formal day at school during spirit week.



"I love dressing up for Spirit Week! Not only do I get to show my Washington-Lee School spirit, but it also means I don't have to get dressed in the morning."

--Laura Holman

John Lynch
Rich Macchiavello
Keninde Madyun
Taiwo Madyun
Anne Mahmood
Elizabeth Malleck
Cedric Manning
Melissa Marroquin



Lisa Marshall
Love Martinez
Santiago Maxwell
Antoine McBee
Graham McBride
William McDermott
Valeria Mendieta
Robert Mijang



Bernice Montero
Dany Montoya
Francisco Morales
Erin Moran
Claudia Moreno
Ross Mueller
Suzanna Munck
Benjamin Murray



Marco Nacalaban
George Nader
Travis Neighbors
Michael Newman
James Nguyen
Sandra Nunez
Diaz Oldrin
Timothy Olson



Kellie O'Neal
Douglas O'Rear
Ian O'Rourke
Pablo Ovando
Jessica Packett
Carla Pangilinan
Nelson Paredes
Bryan Payne



Flor Pereira
Magaly Perera
Gary Perez
Robert Perez
Tomika Perry
Sara Pfoutz
Le My Phuong
Julia Pons



Lauren Powell
Jessica Price
James Puffinburger
Matt Quattlebaum
Tahied Babi Rafiq
Abigail Reed
Erick Rekstad
Eric Reyes



Yolide Reyes
Anisha Richards
Richard Richardson
Rudolf Richter
Mark Rigopoulos
Julio Rivas
Carmen Rivera
Reynaldo Rivero



Vashonta Roach
Richard Roberts
Charles Steven Rogers
Christina Robinson
Cinthya Romay
L. Liseth Romero
Victor Rortvedt
Victoria Rumsey



Weems enjoys the few extra
es of sleep that she can get before
period.

Moran and Andrea Lazevnick love
so much that they dream about it
d of listening to their teacher.

on Powell just can not seem to
her eyes open in this class.



Catching Your Zzz's Junior Style

Have you ever looked around your classroom and seen people asleep and drooling on their desk? They were probably picturing themselves laying on beaches or some place else that was far away from school. Or perhaps this happened to you in some of your classes this year. Every time this happened a teacher was always sure to wake you up.

This year many of the juniors seemed to be deprived of sleep. It's no wonder that with all of the added pressures that come along with

being a junior--such as PSAT's, SAT's, grades, jobs, sports, etc.--that they were sleepy all the time. There just seemed to be too much work and not enough time to get it all done.

Where ever you looked, you were bound to see a junior asleep dreaming of some place that they would rather be. Some times the class of 1998 would catch up on their missed sleep during classes. However, they could also occasionally be seen taking a nap beside their lockers.



"I find it very hard to keep my eyes open during class because of the lack of sleep I get at night due to homework, sports and my job."

--Beth Giles

Yield to Juniors

Finally it is the end of the day, and you don't need to depend on anyone to drive you around. You have transportation of your own, (or your parents')--a car!

It is not uncommon for juniors to have licenses, and automobiles to take them to school everyday. Many juniors in fact have purchased their own automobiles to drive them to and from school everyday. Many juniors agree that with this year being as stressful as it is, hunting for a ride must be one less thing to worry about. "I feel that it is easier being able to drive myself because with all of the after-school activities I am involved in such as junior class officer meetings, Key Club and crew. It is better not to depend on anyone else," says **Sharon Connor**.

For many juniors this is the first time they are able to drive to school. The student parking lot is full of "Junior" wheels. Those who don't want to pay the ten dollars to park in the student lot park on the 66 lot.

Anyone who gets behind the wheel legally knows that there are many negative things about driving. Sitting for endless hours watching gory 80's driving movies in drivers' ed. class is the worst. But then comes the time when everyone at once asks you for a ride and they pile into your car until it's full. Speeding tickets, car accidents, or keys being taken away are more terrible dark sides of having a car. Is driving really all that? Of course, it is true that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages.

Carla Pangilinan rushes to school before she is late for her first period class.

Graham McBride is one of those nice Juniors that takes his friends to school.

Before rushing home, **Julia Pons** stops for a quick picture at the end of the day.



Julie Grandon and Beth Giles smile before they eagerly take off.



"I am so glad that I am able to drive this year because with all the after school activities I am involved in, I do not have to rely on anyone to drive me around."

--Justin Geiger



Juan Salgado
Beatriz Sanchez
Emma Sandoval
Veronica Sanjines
Maksud Sarder
Jesse Savary
Sourdara Sayarath
Eliot Schaefer

Mark Sewell
Haider Sharifi
Lydi Shestopalova
Yuri Sineriz
Darius Smith
Valerie Smith
Kelly Snyder
Johanna Stamps

Stefanie Stauffer
Francisco Torres
Paula Torres
Socheata Toun
Christopher Trahan
Giovanna Trujillo
Wigunda Tuchchan
Carmen Turcios

Elizabeth Uffen
Micah Utt
Shaun Valdes
Sandra Valdez
Karla Vasquez
Mark Vasquez
Juan Ventura
Fabio Villarroel

Emilie Weaver
Stephen Weber
Laura Weems
Craig Wentzell
Adam Whittaker
Jeri Whorton
Michelle Williams
Robaleen Woodson

Courtney Wyckoff
Jin Xu
Robert Zalkind
Chin Su Oh



Juniors are definitely some of the most studious students at Washington-Lee. No matter what junior class you pass, you always notice they are paying attention and working hard.

HOMECOMING

Homecoming '96 was another enjoyable yet busy event. Many juniors came out to help with the hall decorations to make the junior hall the best. The well-thought-out theme of this year's Junior Hall was "Generals' Storybook." Many juniors had a great time creating the effect of a big nursery storybook. "Although juniors got fourth place, there was a lot of spirit and pride put into making it work," said **Mr. Dave Peters**, junior class sponsor. "All the halls were so close and really well done. We were all amazed at the wonderful effort," added **Mrs. Medlen**, one of the hall judges.

The float looked great with the creative theme of "sock the seahawks." Many of the proud juniors piled on the float and cheered for the football players and cheerleaders. We all had a good time making this year's float. Everyone met new people during this event and many friendships were made. If our

senior year is like this, we all have a lot to look forward to.

"The dance and decorations this year made homecoming a very special and memorable time that I will always remember."

-Johanna Stamps

"We all had a lot of spirit," said junior **Elizabeth Jernigan** about her efforts on the float with her fellow classmates.

After the decorative floats came the good looking attendants. **Erika Camacho**, escorted by **Chris Barber** and **Lisa Hollinden**, escorted by **Doug O'Rear** led the class of 1998. All in all, for this year's junior class, Homecoming was definitely a time to remember.



Jessica Price really seems to be enjoying herself at the Homecoming dance.

Painting a banner for the junior float takes hard work and artistic ability and **Lauren Powell** is just the person to do it.



Yuri Sineriz enjoys watching others dance at Homecoming while he takes a break.

Andrea Lazevnick and **Laura Weems** show off their T-shirts at the Homecoming game.



Andrew Beck and Lisa Hollinden look great as they face the crowd as junior class attendants.



Erika Camacho and Chris Barber show off their beautiful attire during half-time at the Homecoming game.

These boxes are just a few of the decorations used for the junior hall.



"Kick the Raiders," yelled members of junior class as they rode by on the float at half-time.

Ma Decarlo works diligently on painting a box for the decorations in the junior class hall.

Gene Genie and Leslie Lamas look happy and are having fun at the Homecoming dance.



CLASS of 1999

SOPHOMORES

This year's sophomore class was off to a terrific start. Finally adjusting to the high school way of life, the class of 1999 really showed Washington-Lee that they truly are "the class of stars."

In order to be a successful class, you must have an organized, energetic, and involved advisor. Fortunately, the sophomores were able to find just the person, **Mrs. Donna Hogge**. Mrs. Hogge was extremely pleased with the class's enthusiasm and willingness to tackle any challenge that came along the way. "This being my first year as a class sponsor, I felt apprehensive and confused, but because of the hard work and dedication of the sophomores, I overcame all my fears of failure. I feel that I was fortunate enough to "adopt" a class that was so knowledgeable and resourceful as well as determined and productive" exclaimed **Mrs. Hogge**.

Not only was the class of 1999 successful as freshman, they were also extremely successful as sophomores! Through car washes, candy sales, bake sales, and the holiday bazar, the sophomore class managed to raise a tremendous amount of money to put toward their class treasury. By participating in such fundraisers, the class of 1999 continues to pave the road toward an even more successful and prosperous senior year!

With two years behind them and only two more to go, Washington-Lee's "class of stars" has finally got the hang of high-school. Between juggling homework, sports, clubs, and their busy social lives, the class of 1999 has certainly proved that even though being a sophomore may appear to be exhausting and very stressful, it can also be a whole lot of fun!

By Meghan Dougherty

"The class of 1999 is very unique. We all have different personalities, styles, and taste. It's great because you get to know many different kinds of people."

-James Sullivan



"As creative and talented as the sophomore class is, we should have won first place in hall decorating."

-Christine Jensen

"We've come a long way since our first year in high-school, and it looks like the next two years are going to be even better than the last!"

-Alicia Martin





Misha Krepon, Kelley Dougherty, and Julia Dickerman take a break from their busy day to hang out at lunch.



Cynthia Pino stays late after school to help the sophomore class decorate their hall. With the help of her and many others, the class of 1999 received second place.



Class officers Kyle Trygstad and Nello Marconi help the sophomore class by putting the finishing touches on their float. Without their help and many other dedicated sophomores, the float would not have been a success.



On top of the ladder, Bridget Mallon helps decorate the sophomore hallway as she helps to hang up a sign with the sophomore theme "We're going to cut you down to size."



You can often find twins Patricia and Ines Rivera in the halls together between classes. This is one of the few moments where they are able to catch up on what has been going on during each other's day.

A Global Experience

Many sophomores are facing an important decision about their academic careers this year. This major decision concerns the International Baccalaureate, or IB diploma. The IB diploma is accepted by colleges and universities around the world. The International Baccalaureate is a two-year program which requires the student to take special higher level courses during their junior and senior years. Students who choose to participate in this program must complete six academic courses in different subject areas and take an external exam in each area. They have to take a Theory of Knowledge course their senior year and write an extensive essay on any topic they choose. Since the IB is an internationally recognized diploma, it is necessary for the students to be fluent in a modern foreign language. This prerequisite does not include students who have taken German or Latin, so those students find themselves struggling to find some way into the diploma program.

All IB classes require at least three

to four hours of homework every night. Some students, considering the amount of work and time this program takes up, have decided not to do it; while others wanted the challenge, if not the prestige of the diploma. "I want to take this wonderful opportunity and challenge my mental ability to the highest possible level so that when tomorrow is here and I am facing my career, I would like to look back on a great achievement that helped lead me to where I am today," said **Iris Umana**.

This program is definitely a challenge to anyone who wants to take it and is willing to work hard and devote a great deal of time. From the sophomores of "The Class of Stars," we'll just have to wait and see who will graduate with an IB diploma in 1999.



Nicole Reintsma and Rachel Tolliver, possible candidates for the IB program, show how thrilled they are about being given a wonderful opportunity.



Clare Parker and Misha Krepon end their walk home together, discussing how much they accomplished throughout school day.



-Bobby Anand

"I think that the IB program will be extremely challenging. The curriculum is a lot harder than regular courses, but I think I am ready for such a level of intense work."



Francesca Larson pause briefly for the camera on the way to one of her advanced classes that is preparing her for the IB program.



Sergio Abarca
Nazre Abbass
Muktar Abdi
Tigist Abraham
Arefee Adil Ahmed
Marco Alcazar
Wendy Aleman
Ana Alvarez

Edwin Alvarez
Elsy Alvarez
Wilber Amaya
Shabeen Anand
Je Aparicio Lopez
Deleny Appiah
Orlando Araujo
William Argueta

Avisai Arias
Sergio Arze
Henry Avendano
Lauren Avera
Victor Avila
Jose Ayala
Sage Bailey
Maria Baires

Michael Baldwin
Robert Barbee
Christian Barbery
Danielle Barros
Juan Bautista
Alexander Becerra
Blanca Becerra
Jason Bell

Pragya Bhatt
Deepak Bhatta
Yonathan Bisrat
Scott Blitgen
Cesar Bonilla
Francisco Bonilla
Camile Bortle
Brandon Boston

Jacob Brady
Nam Bui
Theary Bun
Juan Candia
Nick Cannon
Jorge Castellon
Dorothy Caza
Oscar Cerna

Paulo Chacon
Ronald Chevez
Mohit Chopra
Jennifer Clardy
Alejandra Claros
Norca Cobarrubias
Paola Coca
Atoya Coker

Regina Coles
Marcos Contreras
Jhon Cooper
Nester Coy
Marta Cruz
Sara Cruz
Carla Cuentas
Tigist Dagnew

Tigist Dagneu
Enny Delcid
Christi Demariano
Mehul Desai
Sara Diaz
Julia Dickerman
Nathan Dickey
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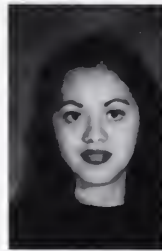
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Matthew Fontaine
Nathan Franklin
Adrienne Freed
Milgo Galaydh
Dulce Gaona



Cecilia Garcia
Eduardo Garcia
Ernesto Garcia
Jose Garcia
Sane Gebregziabher
Georgia Gerstein
Porsha Glover
Julian Golden



Ruma Gomes
Cameosis Goodman
Joseph Gortenburg
Casey Gricas
Courtney Griffis
Walter Grillo
Aaron Guenther
Gary Guillen



Israel Guzman
Jessy Guzman
Saul Guzman
Drew Guzy
Jirra Haile
Aya Hamano
Andrew Harnik
Damien Hayeck



Voeun Hem
Elvis Hernandez
Osmin Hernandez
Tania Herrera
Lauren Hopper
Martina Huff
Perera Humberto
Daniel Hummell



2000 and Beyond

Horizons 2000 is a new club started this year exclusively for sophomore girls. It is a part of a national organization originally taught as a university course.

The group meets during school hours here at Washington-Lee. Membership is open to all sophomore girls interested in expressing their thoughts and feelings as well as learning more about themselves. **Mrs. Ledyard** and **Mrs. Barclay**, the sponsors, try to have the group meetings once a week to talk about many issues, especially those concern-ing women.

Through these discussions, the sponsors hope that the girls will learn more about themselves and the other girls in their class. The members are not allowed to expose the details of the conversations conducted at the weekly meetings to people outside the group, but they are allowed to consult them on other matters.

The sponsors do not want the club to interfere with the members' school work. "We try

not to take members out of a class twice, and if they feel it's more important to stay in class, then they are allowed to do that," said **Mrs. Barclay**. The members expressed that they thought the meetings to be extremely interesting and fun at the same time. "The meetings have a very relaxed atmosphere," commented **Nicole Reintama**. "You aren't pressured to say or do anything and you can express yourself freely without feeling like you'll say something wrong."

After such a successful year, the sponsors have planned to continue on with Horizons 2000 next year.

Mrs. Barclay and **Mrs. Ledyard** hope that next year's class will have an even better turnout than this past years, but they both said that the program was extremely successful for its first year. **Milgo Galaydh** claimed, "Programs such as this one can really make a difference in a person's outlook on the world around them."

By Meghan Dougherty and Pragma Bhatt



Maria Reyes and **Wendy Aleman** show how happy they are to be part of the Horizons 2000 club.

Mary Bun, one member of the Horizons 2000 club, shows her excitement as she returns to class after the exhilarating meeting.



Sha Glover is extremely interested in women's issues.



Gin Lee and **Eliot Folsom** both say how much they enjoy the club because it enables them to better understand themselves and their friends.



-**Pragma Bhatt**

"Horizons 2000 is a very interesting program. It is informative about the status of the women in society today and in the past. Many interesting points were brought up in the weekly discussions we had."

Getting The Job Done

The leading force behind the sophomore's success was its class officers. The officers were President: **Nick Cannon**, Vice President: **Scott Blitgen**, Secretary: **Eileen Flowers**, Treasurer: **Nello Marconi**. The senators were **Theary Bun**, **Milgo Galaydh**, and **Ingrid Lara**.

The class officers helped the class by coming up with great fundraisers to help raise money. Their terrific advisor, **Donna Hogge**, helped the class to have a very successful year.

Because of the help of the officers and **Mrs. Hogge**, the class of 1999 placed a whopping second in the hall with their theme of "**We're Going to Mow You Down**," and placed a big third for their float of "**Beat em'**,

Cream em', Cook em', Eat em'."

Vice President **Scott Blitgen** shared his opinion on how well the sophomore class did and what they their goals are for the next two years. "The class of 1999 is working hard to raise money and set the pace for our senior year," said Scott Blitgen. "We have set many goals and have some great ideas of what we plan to achieve over the next couple of years here at W-L."

The enthusiasm of the sophomore class is tremendous as they have proved in many ways. Keep up the good work Class of 1999!

By Meghan Dougherty



Secretary **Eileen Flowers** and Senator **Ingrid Lara** pose for a picture at one of the sophomore class meetings.



Senator **Milgo Galaydh** listens intently to ideas presented at the class meeting before deciding how she feels on the issue.

Sophomore Class President, **Nick Cannon**, Treasurer, **Nello Marconi** and School Board Representative, **Kyle Trygstad** sit together in the commons after a busy class meeting.





Cristian Hurtado
Mohammed Ba Islam
Shamima Islam
Noureddi Jelbaoui
Christine Jensen
Gerardo Jimenez
Shamar Johnson
Andy Jones

Sumanpreet Kaur
Sophia Kelly
Nathan Kennedy
Brian Kincaid
Awwad Khaleel
Daniel Koenig
Jelena Kopanja
Misha Krepon

Natasha Kyriacou
Tuong VI La
Al Lacson
Jennifer Lam
Eliza Langhans
Ingrid Lara
Francesca Larson
Brian Lee

Jin Yon Lee
Ataro Lewis
Jovan Lewis
Sokoha Lim
Lucia Lima
Melissa Lloyd
Anna Lopez
Jonatten Lopez

Angela Machuca
Nasrin Mahfus
Bridget Mallon
Jackeline Manzano
Nello Marconi
Alicia Martin
Patrick Martin
Lucia Martinez

Luz Martinez
Yeme Martinez
Andrew Mazzaschi
Austin Mejia
Brenda Melendez
Bearriz Mesones
Devin Miller
Bertha Miranda

Dawn Mirro
Justin Moeller
Dennis Montenegro
Geiel Morales
Karina Moscoso
Sandra Mulomba
Andrew Mussler
Chenda Pech Nak

Sanaa Nasser
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Yonatan Negusse
Kevin Neuenschwander
Shivahn Newman
Ai Thuy Nguyen
Vince Nichols
Jerome Odie

Jhon OMartin
 Janya Orgeyeva
 Yanira Ortiz
 Lizabeth Ovando
 Janet Owen
 Jovanna Padilla
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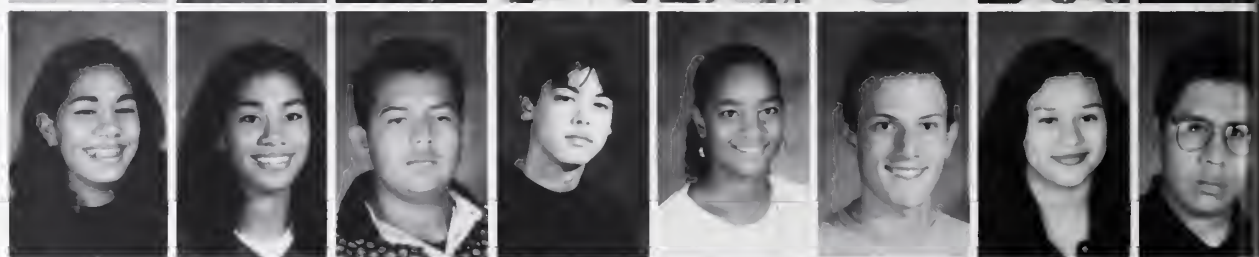
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 Brain Roberts
 Wilmaria Rodriguez
 Christopher Rollins
 Veth Romero
 David Ruiz



Jamie Ryan
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 Ahmad Samee
 Yesenia Sanchez
 Katie Sands
 Edwin Santamaria
 Neil Santos
 Costa Sarakinis



Romena Sarder
 Zaina Schiller
 Amy Schneider
 Joseph Schott
 Samnang Sen
 Carla Severich
 Myles Shaw
 Jestina Shearin



Jose Shepherd
 Amber Shockley
 Elton Sinoimeri
 Jason Smith
 Jeff Smith
 Vannary So
 Nila Steinkamp
 Hakim Sulaimani



A 'General' Night of Fun

The 1996 Homecoming was a truly exciting and memorable time for the class of 1999. The sophomores really got into the spirit of it all during Spirit Week. Many students could be found decked out in their pajamas, formal attire, poodle skirts, togas, and all sorts of outfits from the past decades, as well as the traditional blue and gray colors.

This year the class of 1999 finished a close second in the hall decorating, and a third for their float. "I really thought we had an excellent hall and float this year. It was such a close call between us and the freshmen, they just better watch out for us next year!" exclaimed **Clare Parker**.

Even though the pep-rally and game were postponed, the sopho-

mores' spirit still shined through on the dance floor Saturday night.

Though it was a hard choice, the class of 1999 decided that **Cindy Reyes, Jerome Odie, Shamar Johnson, and Angela Machuca**, were the best candidates for the class of 1999's Homecoming attendants. Being able to participate in the half-time parade is what makes being an attendant so fun!

This year's Homecoming was definitely a time to remember as spirit week, the pep-rally, dance, and game, all made it even more special. After two great years of homecoming spirit and fun, the class of 1999 is looking forward to two more great years at future W-L Homecomings!

-Meghan Dougherty



Cindy Reyes and Vincent Nichols (substitute) seem excited to be their class's Homecoming attendants.



Nila Steinkamp really enjoys dancing! She never passes up the opportunity to go out and have a good time.

Everyone has a good time on Homecoming. This group of sophomores definitely isn't camera shy.

James Sullivan
Many Sun
Michael Teran
Greta Tessman
Ayn-Monique Tetreault
Maya Thomas
Marimawit Tilahum
Juan Tobar



Milagro Tobar
Walter Toledo
Rachel Tolliver
Linh Tong
Caroline Tracey
Truong Tran Huy
Roosevelt Trana
Thanh Truong



Kyle Trygstad
Angelos Tsimaris
Iris Umana
Mariane Urdininea
Elizabeth Valdes
Karina Vasquez
Ceila Vega
Juan Via



Kristin Vollin
Peter Wagoner
Ben Walker
Mya Wallace
Michael Warner
~~Amanda Waters~~
Cory White
Christopher Williams



Terrell Williams
Gloria Wilson
Jonathan Witherow
Yosief Woldu
Senta Wooten
Eli Yang
Eugene Yi
Freddy Zamorano



Wanda Zeballos
Rodney Zurita



Scott Blitgen can often be found playing drums for the band at half-time football games.



CLASS of 2000

It is often said that the transition from middle school to high school is an easy one. As many freshmen will tell you, it is not. The freshmen used to be at the top of the school, but now they've been thrown back down to the bottom of the heap as they've started high school. Getting grades was just as easy as before, but getting the grades they wanted was another story. There have been many challenges during their first year at Washington and Lee, but every one of them was met head on. The freshmen are the strength of a new generation of high school students. They are the last class to graduate in the twentieth century. They are the class of 2000.

The freshmen made many accomplishments this year. After holding a car wash, they raised \$280 for their class treasury. The float they constructed for Homecoming was very imaginative and beautifully put together. It placed second out of four in the competition. Their hall decorations were creative and well displayed. They placed first in the hall decorating contest. Many more things were also done this year.

Being a freshman is a whole new experience for students; however, that didn't make it any less enjoyable. Many new friendships are made and new teachers are met. This is probably the first time in several years that they've gotten completely lost on the way to class during their first day of high school. Throughout their first year at high school there is also much excitement and their lives became more fast-paced.

Freshmen have taken advantage of high school by participating in the numerous activities, sports, and clubs that Washington and Lee has to offer. Better still, they have excelled in their academic achievements and have had fun doing it. The teachers have been very helpful to them and were there whenever they were needed to help a student succeed. They have also helped guide the students to greater heights and in return, the students have upped their capabilities.

This year the freshmen have proved that the sky is not the limit. Wherever something has needed to be done, they've done it, and better than they ever thought possible. Every freshman has taken their part in the freshman class and they all have contributed to their wonderful reputation for excellence. They have earned our respect and should be very proud of themselves for achieving so many goals and for overcoming what seemed to be impossible. Hopefully, the next three years for the class of 2000 prove to be as productive and inspiring as this year was.

By Diane Harris



"Homecoming was the best part of the year!"
-David Hunt

"Not only was my freshmen year exciting and fun, but it was a great learning experience."

-Crystal Foley



"The high school experience is fun, exciting, and interesting."

-Mark Herbert



The Future is Here!

This year's freshmen class was really out of the ordinary. They had everything going for them. The class of 2000 was a very enthusiastic group of people in general and successfully coordinated many money-making car washes, bake sales and numerous other fund raisers. Freshmen have taken an active role in sports and school clubs.

Mrs. Sally Bassler as their coordinator, the man kept getting better and better at everything they did.

Dealing with a new school is pretty hard. But the "Welcome to W-L" club and the other students to help them out, the freshman didn't have a bad first couple of months. Freshmen made friends as well as became closer with old school friends. Since entering high school freshmen have had more privileges, more class

choices, and more fun. If these students have this much enthusiasm as freshmen can you imagine what their senior year will be like! Freshmen have proven themselves as worthy, even after all the hassles of being freshmen and getting no respect. They have earned themselves the respect they deserve.

Many freshmen have older brothers and sisters who are upperclassmen. Most freshmen that have older siblings would agree that there are advantages and disadvantages of having older siblings in the same school. One disadvantage is that you are always known as "so and so's" little sister or brother. One advantage is that you have a ride home if you want it. Underneath it all most students that have siblings in W-L are glad to have them here because they can share their

experiences of Washington and Lee.

The officers were chosen at the beginning of the school year and have done a very good job in dealing with the responsibilities of student government. The freshmen have chosen people to represent them well. Students ran for office for many reasons. S.C.A. or class government position would be a good accomplishment to be listed on a college application, perhaps to overcome shyness or to show freshman spirit. Class president, **Nicki Gaines** stated that the "Freshmen class is working hard to raise money and establish pride for the next four years. Homecoming was a great success and the freshmen ran away with almost everything in the float and hall competitions."

Finally the freshman and class of 2000 have very high hopes for the future.



Most freshmen learned that working and studying in groups is important to one's social life as well as to their academic achievement levels.



While decorating, **Maria Rosal** divides crepe paper for the center section of the freshman hall.



Matt Weems helps his freshman class earn money by participating in a car wash at the beginning of the year.

Raquel Martin surveys the freshman commons from a different point of view.

Representatives to Respect

As everyone knows, to have proper representation at Washington-Lee, class officers are needed. On September 24, speeches by all the candidates were made in the auditorium to the entire freshman class. Then, the freshmen filled out secret ballots which were counted and the results were announced later.

The president of the freshman class was **Nicki Gaines**. **David Huntoon** was the vice-president. **Thuy-Tien Nguyen** was the secretary. **Matt Weems** was the treasurer and **Robert Simplicio** was the school board representative. **Eva Alicea**, **B.J. Benedicto**, and **Vicky Durandisse** were senators. **Leigh Snyder** was SCA third vice-president. As president, **Nicki Gaines's** job was to set up fund raisers, help out

with fundraisers and preside at freshmen meetings, and to organize everything.

Assisting **Nicki Gaines** was **David Huntoon**, the vice president. **Leigh Snyder**, the third vice president, represented the freshmen at all the SCA meetings. **Robert Simplicio**, the school board representative, went to the school board meetings. **Thuy-Tien Nguyen** helped organize everything and keep records as the secretary. **Matt Weems**, the treasurer, managed the money that the freshmen class made. The senators represented the freshmen at all student government activities.

The class officers helped the students achieve new goals and they have increased freshman participation in activities throughout the year while showing concern in academic areas.



Nicki Gaines, the freshman class president, checks the suns to make sure they will not fall down before decoration judging.

Merone Abebe
Shemeles Abraham
Suzanne Adiyeh
Alexander Afram
Adalid Aguayo
Tanzeela Ahmad
Basel Ahmed
Khudeja Akram
Ruth Alcabasa
Eva Alicea



Karen Alladin
Haifa Almobarak
Jessica Amason
Francisco Amaya
Abdullahi Amin
Juan Andrade
Maritza Andrade
Manuela Aparicio
Gameli Appiah
Nimia Aranibar



Leann Atoigue
Sergio Avendan
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Claudia Benitez
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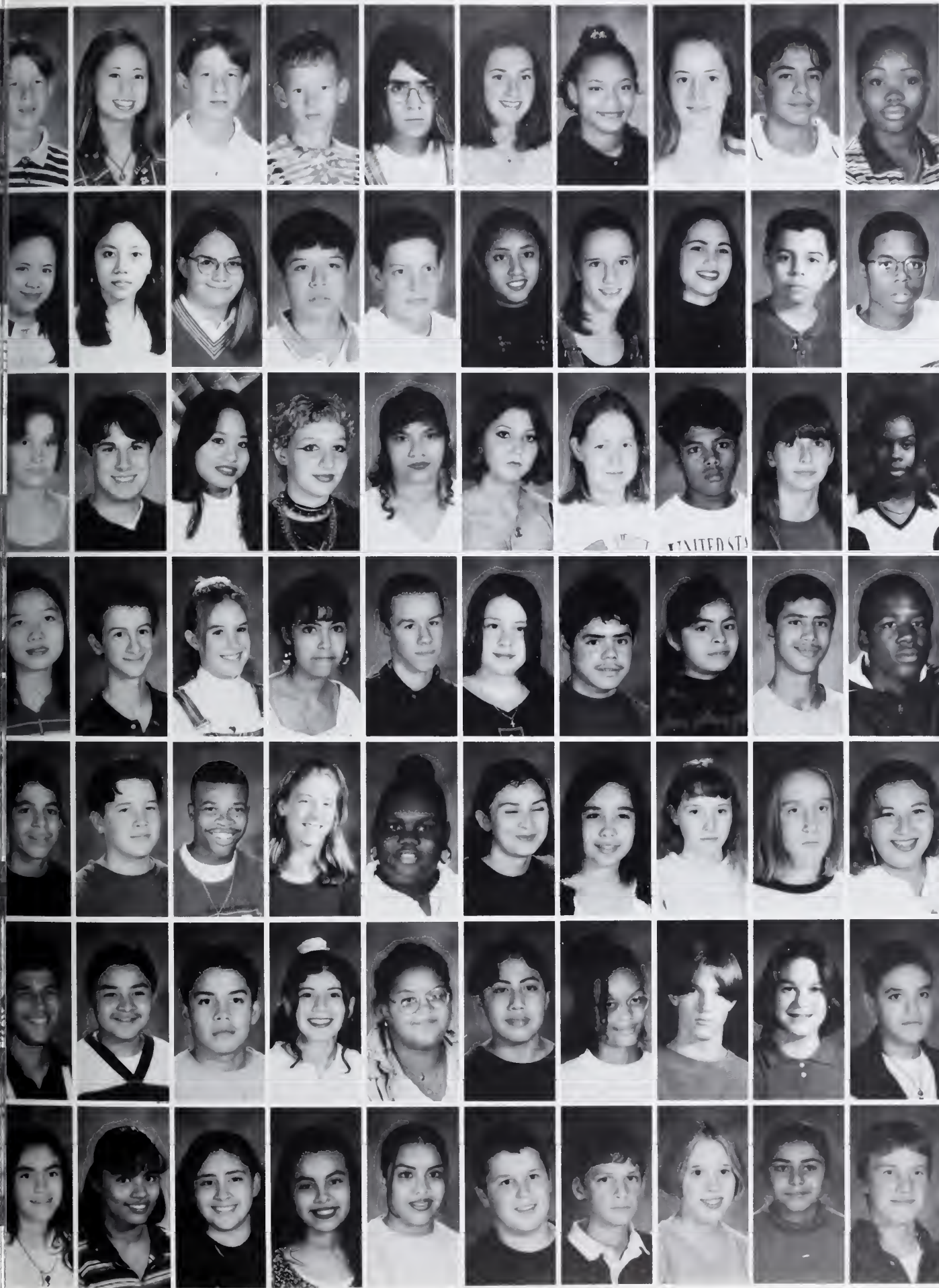


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Galen Butcher
Molly Cahill
Juancarl Calderon
Iris Campos
Herberth Canelas
Yessica Carcamo
Lionel Cardenas



Maria Carranza
Gerson Castaneda
Carmen Castillo
Michael Clark
Yessica Castillo
Linda Celis
Lisa Chautard
Cilby Cochran
Morgan Coling





Jonathan Cook
Kari Cook
Michael Cook
Mathew Copeland
Devin Crist
Mollie Cross-Cole
Natasha Cross
Charlotte Crouch
Josue Cruz
Iaisha Cunningham

Louise Custodio
Sara Dao
Catherine Davis
John Davis
Neil Davis
Rosie Dcosta
Sarah Delp
Gaby Dethomas
Eder Dheming
Amaziah Diggs

Maria Dilenzo
Philip Dimodica
My Thai Doan
Anaia Dodson
Rosa Dominguez
Tamara Dominick
Amy Downie
Gilbert Dsouza
Andrea Dulles
Vicky Durandisse

Tran Duyen
Matthew Eddy
Sarah Edgerly
Hanane Elkalibe
Jonah Epstein
Alicia Escalona
David Esparaza
Brenda Estrada
Maged Fadle
Maurice Farley

Basim Fattah
William Feidler
Jean Felix
Kristin Felker
Ronisha Feracho
Xiomara Ferrufino
Lorelie Finnerty
Ellen Fisher
Patrick Fisher
Brenda Flores

Carlos Flores
Fredy Flores
Juan Flores
Vicenta Flores
Crystal Foley
Jessie Foneca
Tiffany Fountain
Nicholas Furlow
Nicki Gaines
Henry Galeas

Martha Gallego
Mirna Gamboa
Claudia Garcia
Karen Garcia
Mabel Garcia
Joseph W. Gasque
John Gerstein
Lisa Gibson
Baljinder Gill
Brendan D. Gilmour

Gwen Gisiner
Ryan Gold
Cheryl Gomes
Karla Gonzalez
Andrea Gousen
Maria Gozdawa
Scott Grassman
Nina Greenblatt
Margari Guadalupe
Jennifer Guerra



Maria Guevara
Laksir Gunasekera
Adam Gustafson
Claudia Gutierrez
Paola Gutierrez
Susy Guzman
Jay Harderty
Christine Harris
Diane Harris
Vasca Harris



Jason Hedrick
Leonila Henriquez
Mark Herbert
Estanis Hernandez
Wilbert Hernandez
Xiomara Hernandez
Edwin Herrera
David Hidalgo
Ryan Holland
Angela Hollis



David Huntoon
William Hurdle
Matthew Hurley
Aree Itaiha
Mahmoud Ihmeidan
Adrian Jackson
Nick James
Rubina Jan
Allison Jaslow
Nikolaus Jauch



Aziz Jelbaoui
Lisandro Jimenez
Jing Jin
Jennifer Jones
Dong Jin Joo
Reema Judeh
Sokha Kaing
Nimol Kamsan
Ashley Kelley
Rupinder Kaur



Brendan Keating
Margaret Kellogg
Alice Kelly
Gino Khambay
Sarwar Ali Khan
Elizabeth King
David Kinney
Gurina Kolin
Erin Krafchek
Friederick Kraft



Elise Krueger
Rommel Lacson
Lynn Lai
William Lancaster
Line Laouaouda
William Larocque
Nathan Lassell
Angela Lee
Beth Lee
Demetria Lee





Ericka Leiva
Alyssa Lengle
Juan Leon
Kevin Lockett
Rence Lopez
Kenneth Lounge
Angelo Henry Loza
Henri Lulushi
Mohamed Machkor
Abadeu Madyun

Ramon Machuca
Helai Mahfus
Elva Malda
Faraia Maleque
Deborah Malloy
Alexandre Manente
Jessie Mansilla
Roberto Maravilla
Nimsy Marroquin
Raquel Martin

Carlos Martinez
Israel Martinez
Jaun Martinez
Husna Mashid
Ian McDuffie
Ebony McNeill
Irina Medvedeva
Patrick Meehan
Marcela Menjivar
Caolina Michel

Manuel Mijango
Ana Mijich
Razul Monsur
Jackeline Moreno
Jenny Moreno
Sergio Moreno
Veronica Moreno
Anne Morgan
Thomas Morland
Arturo Munoz

Carlos Munoz
Remy Muriel
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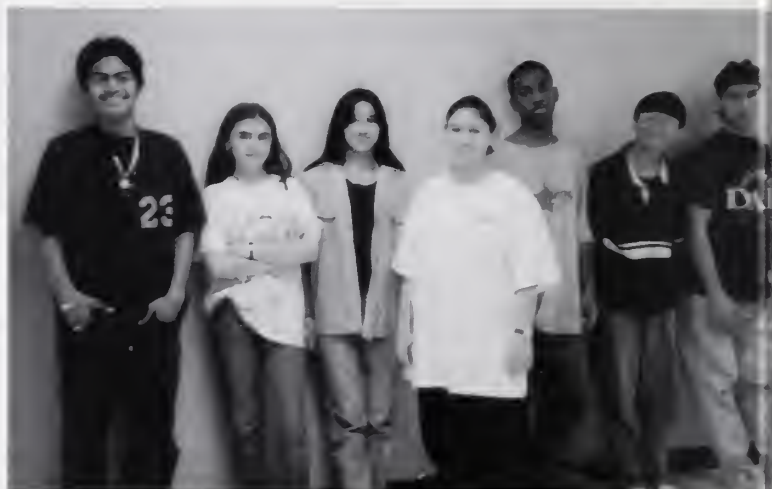
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Alexander Orosco

Chelsea O'Rourke
Karen Ortega
Betty Ortiz
Jessica Ortiz
Yessi Ortiz
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Franco Ossio
Jessica Packer
Christopher Palacios
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Three freshmen show their enthusiasm and school spirit at a football game as W-L scores a touchdown.

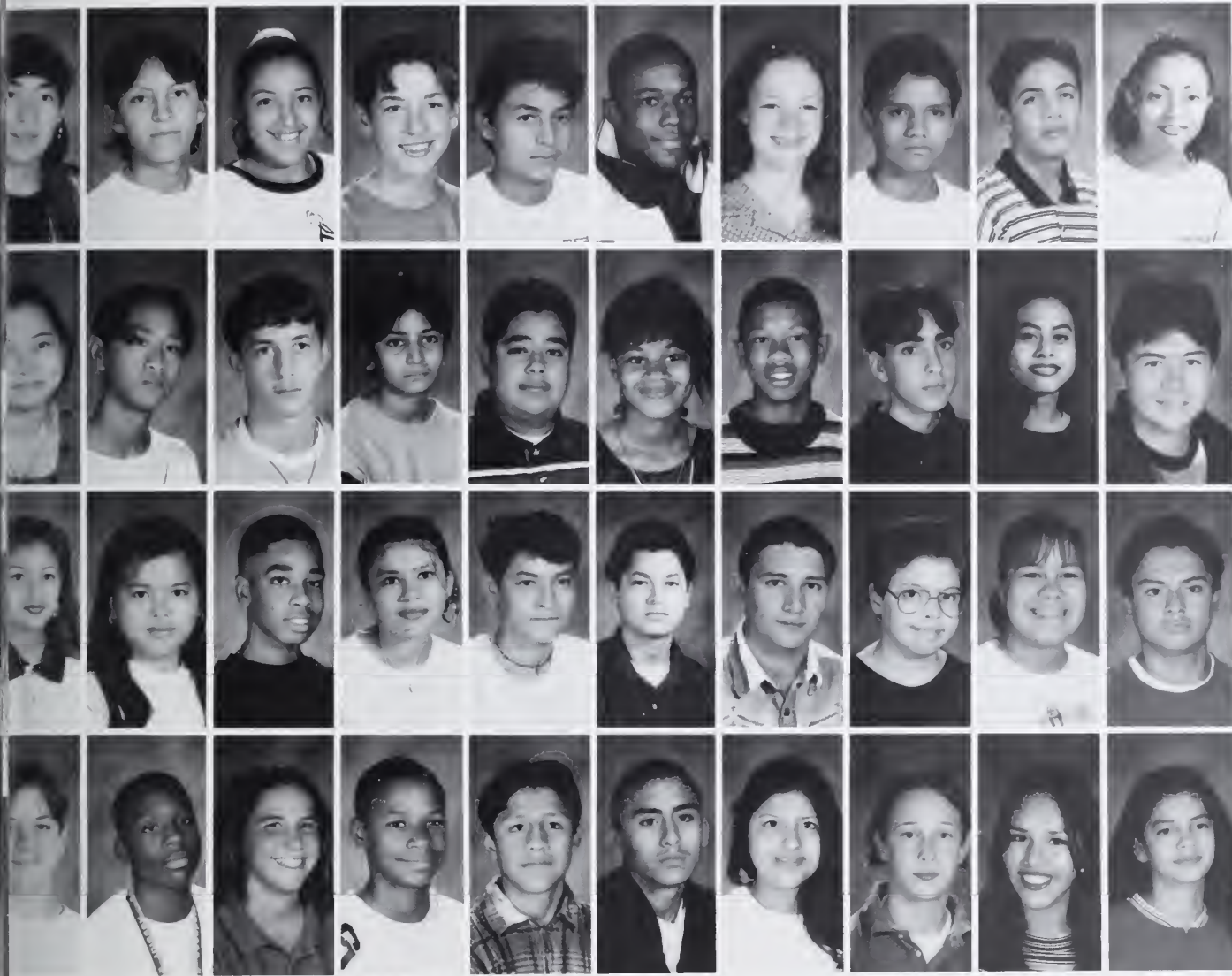


Alex Hernandez, Marta Gallego, Roxana Guzman, Jin Jing and Ali Khan dress up for Blue and Gray Day.



Brian Tinsley, Thuy-Tien Nguyen, Jessica Packer, and Lauren Sauter study in the library after their introductory tour.

Karen Alladin, Lisa Gibson, and friends help with decorating in the winter section of the four seasons.



Giulana Parra
Gonzalo Patino
Katherine Patino
Zachary Payton
Elias Paz
Juan Pearson
Margaret Pearson
Gonzalo Penarrieta
Oscar Perera
Margarita Perez

Hong Thi Pham
Hung Nguyen Pham
Philip Pierce
Milton Portales
Axel Portillo
Valerie Powell
Owen Powell III
Brian Price
Sivana Prom
Erik Quiroga

Jeymy Quiroga
Merly Rafols
Lamel Randolph
Delmy Reyes
Henry Reyes
Jose Reyes
Samuel Reyes
Oscar Ricken
Estefania Rivera
Miguel Rivera

Randall Roberson
Elliott Robinson
Hadley Robinson
Richard Robinson
Alberto Rodriguez
Alexand Rodriguez
Mirella Rodriguez
Evan Rogers
Danitza Romay
Dorian Romero



Line Laonaouda checks out her surroundings at the homecoming dance.

Freshmen help at the car wash to earn money for their class treasury.

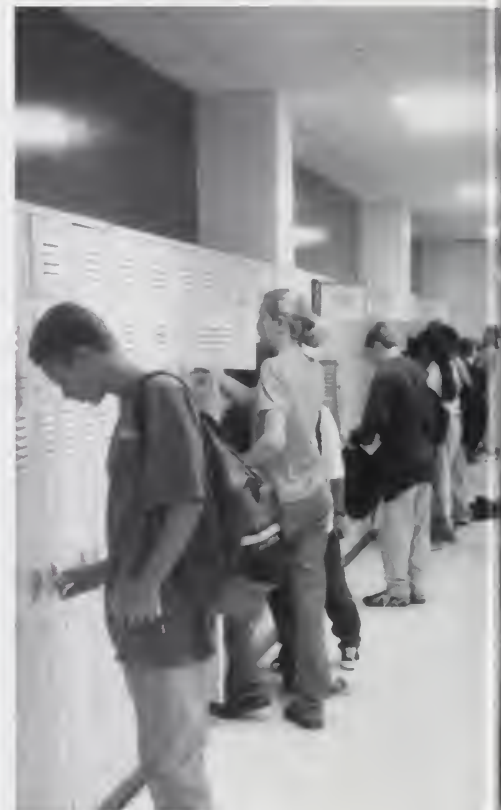
Three More Years...

In their first year of high school, students increased their after-school activity participation to amazing heights. Almost every club was open to freshmen such as the TGIF club, which taught about different religions and favorite sayings from the Bible, the environmental club, which did many things to help the environment inside and out of Washington-Lee, and the leadership forum and seminar, which trained students to develop leadership skills. Freshmen also participate in many other clubs.

The freshmen have enjoyed their first year of high school. It has been very fun and exciting for everyone. "Thus far, my freshman year has been both enlightening and unforgettable. The teachers are much harder than they were before and they treat us much more like responsible young adults and less like children (as our middle school teachers used to). High school has presented us all with new opportunities each and every day," said **Lauren Sauter**.

Tiffany Fountain commented, "I love the wide variety of courses, which gives me new and interesting career views. I also enjoy the many sports that Washington and Lee offers."

The freshmen are very happy with the new educational horizons. Many more courses and clubs are offered in high school. The social circle at Washington and Lee is very large and easy to feel comfortable with. It is also fun to get involved with various things and to stick with them. Help is everywhere you need it if you get into a jam. **Stephanie Rivera** said, "I like the education level offered to the students. The teachers are wonderful. They explain things in a way that you can understand. I am very content at Washington and Lee." The freshmen have really pushed to increase their social and educational lives and have truly succeeded. Their experiences here at Washington and Lee will greatly help their explorations of careers in the future.



Freshmen go to their lockers throughout the day. Most of the freshmen lockers are in the freshmen commons.



These freshmen helped to make the second place winning float for the homecoming game.



Leigh Snyder and friend chill in the freshmen commons during free time.



Freshmen help out with hall decorations by stringing leaves up for the fall section of the freshmen hall.



Mayra Romero
Wendy Romero
Vanessa Ronquillo
Kathleen Rooney
Helen Rortvedt
Maria Rosal
Linda Ruano
Gordon Ruff
Jessica Russell
Jennifer Rutley

Jennifer N. Rutley
Sabatino Connor
Glori Saccomandi
Wilder Sanchez
Karina Sandoval
Diego Sansusty
Elsa Santamaria
Esteban Saplad
Manil Sarivannara
Carlos Sarmiento

Lauren Sauter
Kasie Scopetti
Agengehu Seblewongel
Benjamin Seidman
Julio Sejas
Mohammed Shakil
Michael Shapard
Himanshu Sharma
Purnima Sharma
Sunava Sharma

Ali Sherbiny
Landon Shoop
Robert Simplicio
Bandit Sisouphanh
Allyx Smith
Christopher Smith
Marloquin Smith
Leigh Snyder
Vanessa Solano
Nelson Soliz

Li Soria Galvarro
Darlene Sourivong
Elliot Staudt
Tasha Summers
Khanthaly Sykhammountry
Leonardo Talento
Dacsan Tapia
Alia Tara
Conor Taylor
Michael Teferi

Hailenmichael Teklai
Noelle Thornburgh
Brian Tinsley
Carlos Tobar
Maria Tobar
Barbara Torres
Diana Torres
Fernando Torrez
Sidney Trayaham
Hunny Trehan

Edwin Treminio
Eugenio Treminio
Jesse Turner
Renee Ugis
Piset Ung
Walker Valdez
Maria Valmas
Juan Vargas
Sheetal Vashi
Claudia Vasquez

Darwin Vasquez
 Jessica Velasquez
 Teodoro Velasquez
 Liz Veliz
 Doris Ventura
 Christopher Vermillion
 Kathy Vi
 Preetmohinde Virk
 Twingo Wahba
 Dara Wallace



Linghao Wang
 Rita Weaver
 Matthew Weems
 David Wiggin
 Melissa Williams
 Simeon Woldu
 Lonnie Wood
 Melissa Wright
 Peter Wright
 Elise Wroten



Merhawe Yemane
 Shamila Yousaf
 Julia Zainieva
 M.Vania Zamorano
 Juan Zapata
 Douglas Zebrak
 Doris Zelaya



Kari Cook and Elizabeth Burford are carefully observing the Homecoming game.



Jenny Jones and D.J. Joo work on a banner to decorate the freshmen hall.

The Homecoming freshmen attendants were pleased about the honor that they recieved from their classma

of Cross-Cole and Ian McDuffy wait in their convertible for their drive around the football field at half-time of the Homecoming game.

It's All Coming Back...



Homecoming was an exciting and new experience for the class of 2000. The freshmen were hardworking, imaginative, and most of all they had a lot of fun. This all showed in the end because they won first place in hall decorations and second place in the float contest. They had excellent ideas for both events. The hall consisted of the four seasons and was titled Washington and Lee throughout the seasons. "Cream the Seahawks" was the idea for the float contest with a huge ice cream cone as the main attraction. Doing well in both of the homecoming events was all in all a great way to start high school off on the right foot.

The Homecoming dance was attended by many freshmen with and/or without dates. Of course they all had a blast dancing and socializing with new found friends. With some shyness, the freshmen made their

presence felt at the Homecoming dance.

Even though the homecoming game was postponed to Monday many freshmen still attended and had a great time. Even if you happened not to run into a freshmen at the game you could always hear them showing their school spirit. Keep it up freshmen! Kristin Felker said that Homecoming was the funnest part of the year for her so far and that if the rest of high school was this fun she can't wait to advance to each new grade level. The football team went on to losing the game but at least the freshmen had a chance to witness the teams first win in two years a couple weeks earlier.

Overall the first Homecoming experience for the class of 2000 seemed to be remarkable and memorable. What a way to begin their first year at Washington-Lee!



by Durandisse and escort wave to the crowd as they drive around the field in their convertible at half-time.



Lynnita Montague and Brian Tinsely seem to be enjoying themselves at their first Homecoming dance.



Alyssa Lengle and Melissa Williams help hang up the hammock for the summer section of the freshmen hall.

FACULTY

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Dear Seniors,

High school can be one of the most exciting times of your life. Everyday brings a new experience not only educationally but also socially. These four years are a period of exceptional growth as you mature and prepare to begin your adult lives.

This yearbook brings back all the wonderful memories of your W-L years. As you look back at the pictures and comments, you will remember the great times you experienced. You are provided with a "flashback" of the enjoyment of your four years.

I wish to extend my personal wishes for every success for you in whatever you pursue after W-L.

Good Luck!

Sincerely,

William J. Sharbaugh
William J. Sharbaugh



from left to right: Our Principal, Dr. Sharbaugh; Assistant Principal James Crawley; Assistant Principal, Mr. Darnell Bethel; Assistant Principal Mrs. Margarita Cruz; Director of Guidance Mrs. Lillian Carter; Director of Student Activities, Mr. Barry Hueitema and our new police officer, Officer Grady Jolly.

Business
Denise Dawson
Bob Garcia
Joann Levine
English
Sally Bassler
Edyn Bauman



Sara Cassidy
John Harocopos, **Chair**
James Hatch
Ann Ledyard
Tonya Lipsey



Patrice Maljanian
Mary Martin
Barbara Morris
David Peters
Foreign Language
Donna Beaston, **Chair**



Simon Contreras
Marianela Frankenfeld
Betty Rivera
Irene Rondon
Health & Physical Ed.
Coleen Auerbach, **Chair**



Rocky Belk
Lori Grimm
Brenda Harris
HILT
Marsha Dale
Michael Gorman



Jeannie Osso
Gloria Palacios, **Chair**
Marilea Rabasa
Mathematics
Candy Frankel
Meg Gibbon



WASHINGTON -LEE FACULTY ENJOYS SPIRIT WEEK



Ms. Weisend pauses to score the sophomore hall.



Mrs. Medlen was a first-time hall decorating judge.

The W-L faculty was an essential part of spirit week. Six teachers were the judges in the hall decorating competition. These judges, who were selected by SCA, showed up early on the morning of the judging, October 18. After they judged the halls, they were rewarded with a breakfast. The breakfast was to show the student body's appreciation for the participating faculty members for all the extra things they do to help students.

"This year all the halls reflected a lot of spirit and it was very hard to judge which hall was the best," said Ms. Medlen, a math teacher. The competition was a close one. Teachers were escorted through the halls and had to judge which class had the most spirit. The freshmen

class won by a small margin over the sophomore class.

When teachers show their spirit and enthusiasm for spirit week, it encourages students to do the same. The math department showed their support for our football team by decorating the faculty math office. Blue and gray balloons were taped on the windows, along with the inspirational words, "Go Generals! Beat the South Lakes Seahawks!" This year the teachers helped make spirit week an exciting and successful one. W-L students would like to express their heart-felt thanks to all teachers who helped to make this year's Homecoming Week a tremendous success.



Mrs. Dawson stops and smiles for the camera. She really enjoyed judging the halls this year.



Mr. Tucker Freeman showed W-L spirit by dressing in this sharp outfit for formal day during Spirit Week, 1996.



Three Washington-Lee teachers enjoy a breakfast during spirit Week.

W-L Faculty

Rises to the Occasion

If you thought that the student body here at Washington-Lee was busy, you should pay attention to their teachers' schedules. With over 30 different clubs and sports to join someone has to help, right? That's where the staff of W-L comes in.

Out of every ten clubs or sports groups, nine of the sponsors are active members on our faculty. These teachers arrive to school (sometimes) as early as 5 a.m. to get the school day started. When the bell rings at 2:10, teachers do not associate this bell with going home to rest. That bell is the start of the second half of many teachers' work day.

W-L teachers have to juggle lesson plans and extra-curricular activities. They have to make sure that the players on the teams that they coach are improving their skills, but still getting their homework done.

WOW, you thought you were stressed! W-L teachers and student advisors manage to do everything asked and never seem to mind. W-L teachers and student advisors are the best, and everyone knows it.



Ms. Bratton, Mr. Bethel, and Mrs. Gerber show with their smiles how much they truly do love W-L.

Mrs. Van Kirk makes time to smile for the camera. A Special Education teacher and the Senior Class sponsor, her spare time is very limited.



Good friends and excellent teachers, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Dawson pose for a picture in the yearbook room.



Fran Imbrescia
Anna Medlen
Jim Mon
Bob Murray
Arlene Southard, Chair



Gary Southard
Rod Uveges
Music
Theresa Jenkins
Mary-Hannah Klontz
Alexander Robinson, Chair



Science
Susan Fox
Tom Kenefake
Rich McNamara
Mr. Richardson
Chris Rodger



Celita Varn
Tom Walden
Fred Weinhardt, Chair
Social Studies
Les Albers
Doug Grove



Peggy Jeens
Marilyn Leeb, IB Coordinator
Mike Murray
Ronald Paterson, Chair
Natalie Root



Tom Schelstrate
Tim Wyatt
Special Education
James Clyburn
Sylvia Geer
Donna Hogge

Blue and Gray Day

To students Fridays meant the weekends was almost here. To teachers, however, every Friday was Blue and Gray Day. W-L teachers showed their support for Washington-Lee and wore blue and gray attire every Friday. Most of the teachers were very enthusiastic and went a bit further and wore the various Washington-Lee apparel that was for sale. The majority of teachers wore W-L shirts and sweatshirts.

This day has become a tradition at Washington-Lee and most teachers feel that wearing blue and gray shows students that they support them beyond the classroom. We all hope that this show of support will continue in years to come.

Mr. Murray takes time out to pose for a picture.



Patricia Rojas, Irene Rondon and Elvia Santamaria, Roger Aleman, and Melinda LaRue worked extremely hard to prepare the food and decorations for the Hispanic Heritage Breakfast which faculty members really enjoyed.



Ms. Southard is wearing her Washington-Lee apparel for Blue and Gray Day.



Mr. Chisnell decided to get real sharp on one Blue and Gray day.



Ms. Martin oversees a philosophy club meeting.



Dr. Sharbaugh enjoys interacting with faculty members at this breakfast prepared for our teachers and guests.

W-L FACULTY IS THE BEST!

Over the years, the role of the faculty at our school has changed a great deal. The average teacher in our school has gone from a day job to a 24-hour-a-day job. The wonderful faculty at W-L offered many programs to our students, ranging from counseling to coaching.

Our teachers get to know students very well because they see them every day in class,

then see them right after school at a club or sports meeting. This keeps W-L students very busy and they are always having fun. We have to mention the great job they have done to get us ready for college and the real world.

The staff here has won many awards over the years for its excellence in education. I'm sure that everyone still remembers that last year our

Mrs. Peggy Jeens received the Arlington Schools teacher of the year award. In addition every year the band, sports teams, and departments bring back all kinds of awards for excellent work.

Our faculty is responsible is responsible preparing us to deal with life now and the future. They do a good job in both areas.



The marching band, led by Alex Robinson, above, has won many awards for their excellent achievement.

Mrs. Cruz and Mrs. Barclay speak with some of the El Salvadorian students and their student-sponsors.



Miss Harris, Mr. Chisnell, Ms. Jeens, and Mrs. Auerbach "chill" in the teachers' dining lounge during lunch.



Mrs. Van Kirk, helping to decorate her room with senior "stuff", did an amazing job as the senior class sponsor this year.



Marilyn La Barbera
Ling Mangan, **Chair**
Beth Mason
Irene Pleas-Humbert
Susan Thomas

Christine Van Kirk
James Whelan
Rick Cauthen, Resource
Theresa Celusniak, Home
Economics
Tom Chisnell, ISS/Crew

Bob Dobson, Interlude
Scott Forbes, Resource Assistant
Maria Gerber, Substitute
Richard Lipsky, Technical
Education, **Chair**
Wyatt Nocera, Gifted Program

Andrea Shoham, Speech
Pathologist
Guidance
Clare Barclay
Rosa Colello
Leonard Goldblatt
Margaret Harmon

Germaine Hawkins
Marianne Leverton
Carole Lopez
Elizabeth Schuer
Librarians
Nancy Bonaccorso, Secretary

Yvonne Grady
Sharon Vollen-Reed
Secretaries
Shirley Bratton
Charolette Brown
Parvaneh Cohen

W-L TECHNOLOGY ROOM

In 1996 Arlington County Public Schools introduced a new way of learning which will likely become the classroom of the future. They opened a classroom in each school from which students from schools around the area could communicate and learn from a teacher in another school. The room is equipped with numerous cameras, so the students can see the students from other schools, microphones so that questions and conversations will be audible, and numerous other equipment.

The classes that are taught in this room are AP Computer Science, Discrete math, German 1&2, and Spanish for Educators A&B. The teachers who are lucky enough to use this new technology are Rod Uveges--AP Computer Science (WL); Jim Schroeder--Discrete Math (HB); Mary Scaliar-Murraay--German 1 and 2 (Yorktown); Simon Contreras--Spanish for Educators A and B (WL); Irrashai--Japanese 1 (via satellite from Georgia Public Broadcasting) and Henrico County--Japanese 2 (also via satellite from the Virginia Sattelite Educational Network).

The people who run the program at Washington Lee believe the future is bright for communications technology. "Distance learning will continue to be advanced and supported with an eventual focus on teleconferencing with other schools around the United States and possibly around the world," said Pat Teske. They also beleive the World Wide Web will play a large role in our schools as they become cabled to the future. The faculty at W-L really enjoys having innovative technology to use.

"The distance learning room is the wave of the future. Through this system and the internet we will eventually be able to communicate with students, teachers and professors from all around the world."

-Rod Uveges



This German class has one student and is taught by a teacher at Yorktown.

Patricia Rojas
School Nurses
Maryanna Machacek
Suzanne Nole, Assistant
Attendance
Carole Thomas
Kathy Williams
Cafeteria
Ama Appiah

Kathryn Babson
Nancy Conrad
Irene Fawcett
Maria Landaverde
Tracy McPhearson
Tam Nguyen

Rosa Rivera
Catherine Warner
Custodians
Manuel Cardoza
Maria Chicas
Thomas Gillis
Debbie Wooten, Head, Day



(Note: Several faculty and staff members were not available for pictures.)



Mr. Uveges is one of the lucky teachers who gets to use this new learning center.

Marian Lomis is the teaching assistant in the electronic classroom.

These televisions are used so that students can see and hear students from other schools.



The **Macarena Royal Society** of W-L entertained a very receptive crowd during half-time at the last football game of the season, which was November 7, 1996.

ORGANIZATIONS

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How do you develop extra-curricular activities for a school like Washington-Lee, that has such a diverse student population? Well, the answer is easy. Among other things, you form various clubs and organizations, then encourage all students to join them. We are proud to say that here at Washington-Lee we have over thirty clubs and organizations, ranging from the juggling club to our National Honor Society. You'll find that most W-L students belong to at least one club and you'll even find many students who belong to several organizations. The organizations we have here have always been an important part of our school, and our lives.

The greatest things about the organizations at Washington-Lee involve the immense options. If you don't find a club at school that interests you, you have the freedom to start a new club that serves your interests. All the organizations we have come as a result of students taking the initiative to bring students with common interests together, so be the thirty-first student to succeed in doing this!

Many students get involved in the organizations for many reasons. Some join so they can meet people who have the same interests, and many friendships arise from the organizations. Many students join so they can put the extra-curricular activities on their college applications. Students enjoy belonging to organizations because it allows them to interact with students that they don't normally see in their daily classes.

Students are able to interact with a range of diversities as well. Not only do students involved in organizations meet new students, they get a chance to learn about things that they don't normally get to learn in class. With joining an organization comes responsibility, team work, and a sense of self-understanding. Students become independent by recognizing that they need to organize their schedule, something that will help them throughout their lives.

Hobbies and interests change throughout your life as you grow and mature, but being active in a variety of interesting groups broadens your horizons and expands your knowledge. You never know, you may see members of Thespians on the big screen someday. Just look at Sandra Bullock. And the International Club members may be the international ambassadors in years to come. Keep an eye out for Student Counsel Representatives, they may just be President someday.

Key Club president **Gina Ryan** explains how members can obtain the yearly goal of 50 keys, by offering their services.

Washington-Lee Key Club members and Kiwanis representative speakers organize for the upcoming peanut sales.



Key Club members wait patiently for the information on the upcoming events that they could possibly participate in.

Key Club

Many students in Washington-Lee are interested in helping and aiding our school and community, which is why our Key Club here at W-L was so successful this year. Sponsored by **Ms. Root** and **Ms. Mason**, the Key Club achieved many things. The Key Club's main purpose was to provide services which would benefit our school and community.

Leading the Key Club in all they did was Senior, **Gina Ryan**. As a member of the Key Club for her four years at Washington-Lee, she offered many hours of her time to helping the school and community through the Key Club.

"I'm proud to be the president of a Club that is so beneficial to our community. It makes everyone in the Club feel good about what they're doing when they help out, and everyone always has fun."

- Gina Ryan -

Officers included Vice President **Nindy Gill**, Secretary **Karla Escalante**, Treasurer **Erika Lopacinski**, Press Secretary **Hiro Kawashita**, Historian **Richard Kelso**, and Kiwanis Liason **Ann-Marie Anderson**.

The Key Club participated in many activities this year. They offered their help to the parents

who came to Back to School Night by handing out maps of the school and showing parents around.

The Key Club also participated in the 1996 Washington D.C. AIDS Walkathon, raising money for the Whitman Walker Clinic, the largest AIDS clinic in the United States. About thirty members of the club offered their Saturday mornings to help out. Although it was a very successful event, it was only one of many walks the Club was involved in. "The Aids walk wasn't a piece of cake, but everyone was determined to finish the 10 km to help raise the money. We were really pleased with how many people from the Key Club made it," said Kelley Dougherty.

The Key Club also conducted clothing drives, and canned food instead of candy to provide others with food on Halloween. Members also handed out football programs at the Homecoming football game, participated in Martha's Table (which is where students from around the community make food for shelters) and overall offered their services, ultimately improving the community that they live in.

Key Club is an organization with chapters all over the United States as well as around the world. Sponsored by the Kiwanis club, weekly luncheons with guest speakers helped to inform students about the legacy of the Key Club and the importance of the work done in association with the club. Key Club provided a tremendous service to society in the 1996-1997 school year and the efforts of the Key Club's members will be felt in the community for years to come.



There are always a variety of students who join Key Club, which shows how many students are interested in helping.

Juniors make up a big part of the Club, like **Lauren Powell**, **Erika Camacho**, **Maria Buscemi**, and **Yuri Sineriz**.



Spanish Club

This year's Spanish club, led by Mrs. Rondon, met every two weeks to promote the learning and the appreciation of Spanish language and culture. The club also gives tutorial help to other Spanish students. The Spanish club worked closely with the Spanish Honor Society at celebrating Spanish holidays and other activities.

The officers of the Spanish club were President - **Erica Lopacinski**; Vice President, **Gina Ryan**; Secretary, **Joanna Lederle**; Treasurer, **Brad Pilot**; and Publicist, **Jay Kikel**. The club was involved in many events including the Holiday Bazaar, an art contest, and International Night. "It's a great chance to learn about the Spanish Language and have fun at the same time," said Vice President **Gina Ryan**. **Jay Kikel** said, "It's great to experience the Spanish culture and interact with other students who want to learn."



Maria Buscemi, Yuri Sineriz, Erica Camacho, and Ruthie Lezama show their excitement about the start of the meeting.

These members are eager to sign in and begin the meeting.



Joanna Lederle and Iris Umana relax after a meeting.

Spanish Honor Society



The Spanish Honor Society is designed to honor the outstanding Spanish students in both the regular and fluent speakers program. To be in the Spanish Honor Society a student must have an "A" average in his previous Spanish courses. The Spanish Honor Society was led by **Mrs. Rondon**. They met every two weeks on Thursdays after school to discuss the Spanish language and culture.

The officers for this year were: President, **Jason Roy**; Vice President, **Tarek Kysabati**; Secretary, **Iris Umane**; Treasurer, **Brad Pilot** and Publicist, **Haider Sharifi**. The Spanish Honor Society was involved in numerous activities such as Back-to-School night, the Holiday Bazaar and several art contests. At the Holiday Bazaar the Spanish Honor Society set up a stand selling Spanish food. The money earned at these events are used to finance special events like a trip to Rio Grande.

The Spanish Honor Society also celebrates various Spanish holidays such as Cinco de Mayo with a fiesta. Vice President, **Tarek Kysabati** said, "This year's Spanish Honor Society has been so much more active and excited about doing all different types of activities. Everybody is having much more fun than last year."

It is important for students to have a place to learn more about the Spanish language and culture.

-Brad Pilot



Gina Ryan and **Joanna Lederle** laugh at something another member said.

Sophie Kelly takes time out from the meeting to pose for the camera.

Brad Pilot pays attention to what **Mrs. Rondon** is saying.



Environmental Club

Many of the students here at Washington-Lee are very aware of the problems that are affecting our environment, and take it upon themselves to take some action to correct them. They do this by becoming a part of the Environmental Club. The Environmental Club's main purpose was to promote the importance of protecting the environment in our school, in our community and in the world. The Club's thirty or so members met once a week in room 123 to decide what projects they would be doing to help.

Some projects that the club participated in this year were the school's paper recycling, which always helps the school cut down on the amount of paper that we waste. The club was involved in a stream clean up, where students got together at a local stream and cleaned it by picking up litter that was damaging the stream. Environmental Club members also participated in environmental T-shirt sales, where students sold shirts to teachers and students of Washington-Lee to raise money to further their causes. The Washington-Lee Environmental Club also participated in the Adopt-a-Highway Program, by adopting Washington Boulevard. By adopting it they will keep the highway clean by picking up trash, and keeping the overall appearance of the highway looking nice.

Co-Presidents of the Environmental Club were senior, **Joe Eddy**, and senior, **Nindy Gill**. **Cory Shepard** served as the Club's Vice President. **Rob Knapik** was the Secretary-Treasurer, and **Leila Dominik** served as the Publicity Officer.

Environmental Club is a great way to help out the community and is also a nice way to have fun.

-Rob Knapik-

The Environmental Club is a very honorable club to be in. The club gives the opportunity to those students here at Washington-Lee who really care about what kind of world the future generations are going to have to deal with. Club members take it upon themselves now to do something to make this world a better place to live in later.

Senior **Eric Klintberg** stated it well when he said, "We as humans have made our share of mistakes, and have caused many problems concerning our environment. Even though it will take help from everyone, W-L students will make a real effort to improve the place we live."



Club officers Joe Eddy, Cory Shepard, Nindy Gill and Leila Dominik start off the meeting with smiles.



The 96-97 Environmental Club members show their eagerness to help by raising their hands to join in on the Saturday stream cleanup.

Environmental Club sponsor **Mr. Schelstrate** sits back and relaxes, knowing he has such a great group of kids who are so interested in helping our environment.

Club members **Jerry Poplin**, **Matt Eddy**, and **Christy Abizaid** listen attentively as the plans for the stream cleanup are announced.



Environmental Club officers inform the new members of how the paper recycling will work.

French Club

The French club, sponsored by **Mrs. Varn**, is designed for students who are interested in the French culture. The French club is open to anyone and enrollment in a French course is not necessary.

Club members met every Thursday in **Mrs. Varn's** room. As a club, this group participated in many activities this year. From French movie days and game days to field trips to French restaurants, this club had a terrific year.

The meetings were led by this year's officers: President, **Rebecca Canter**; Vice President, **Tien Nguyen**; and Secretary, **Haifa Atmubarak**.

In addition to their regular activities and fundraisers, the club held bake sales this year. They also went on some field trips. This club was very active this year, and everyone had a great time making new friends, enjoying French food, and learning about France's interesting culture.

Senior President **Rebecca Canter** said, "My last year as a member was very productive and I'm glad I had the opportunity to be a part of this club."

A group of enthusiastic club members pose for a picture and relax after a grueling day. The club officers greet the members and discuss the agenda.



The French club members of 1996-1997 group together in **Madam Beaston's** room for a formal picture. This is an outstanding group of students interested in learning about different cultures.



Elise Remington makes herself comfortable among friends in the French Club. Club meetings are fun with good friends like these to talk to.

Madam Beaston and President **Rebecca Canter** share their true feelings for each other. With so much work to do, it's no wonder they get stressed out.

ro Ovando relaxes after a tough day of school, laughs with his friends, and waits to hear the ideas and ideas to discuss.

French Honor Society

The French Honor Society is one of the many programs at Washington-Lee designed to honor those students who excel in academics. Sponsored by **Donna Beaston**, this society's purpose is to acknowledge and reward students for superior scholastic achievement in the study of French.

This group starts off the year with an acceptance ceremony where the members are rewarded with pins that represent the number of years they have been in the society. In order to be a member, the students must be in French level three or higher and maintain an "A" average.

This year's officers were **Ben Gaines** as President, **Anne Jensen** as Vice President, Secretary: **Lisbeth Ovando**, and **Kerrie Salazar** as Treasurer. Not only does a record of this honor remain on your transcripts that follow you through college, but studies have shown that competency in a foreign language helps in many areas of life. The verbal scores on the SAT are higher for students

who have taken a foreign language than those who have not. In the growing international job market, fluency in a second language can be very helpful. Employers are aware of this, and they tend to hire bilingual employees over monolingual ones.

In addition to this society's regular monthly meetings, they participated in many new activities this year. They were more active than ever before. This year they decided to sponsor French movie days with refreshments, French game days, and French food parties with the company of the French Club. Overall, it was a fun and productive year.

Junior **Jamie McIntosh** had a great time. She stated, "We were much more active this year than in the past. Everyone had a great time at the meetings and at the events."



Madam Beaston tells the new members at the first meeting of the year about the symbolic pins they are about to receive while everyone listens attentively.

A group of club members socializes and discuss the club's planned events before the start of the meeting. Everyone is anxious to bring the meeting to order and elect their new officers.

Here, the French Honor Society members stand with their sponsor, for a quick group picture.

Patrina Glover, Adia Gillespie, and Muna Jarik listen to all the exciting things that are going to take place.

These students think information about other cultures is very important to write down.



Jermaine Pearson, Michelle Watts, Maha Fadle, Tomika Perry, and Lakeba Ricks listen to the proposed agenda.



African Awareness

With a school as multiethnic as ours, it is important to learn about other cultures beside your own. W-L students attempt to do this when they join the African Awareness Society. The purpose of this organization is to gain knowledge and respect for all races and their differences. In addition sponsors are attempting to impart knowledge of the African American experience so that other races will gain a better understanding of the African culture and respect our differences.

Information about different cultures is shared between and among students, and with our dedicated club advisors. Advisors spend a lot of time researching information about different topics that they feel students are interested in. Students then have an opportunity to discuss different books, films, and magazine articles at club meetings. Guest speakers are invited from time to time to educate students about past and current events. Being a member of this club is definitely a way to enhance your educational experience. The students of this club would like to say "thank you" to the club's sponsors for taking time out of their busy schedules to plan the meetings, assemblies and trips for the entire school year.

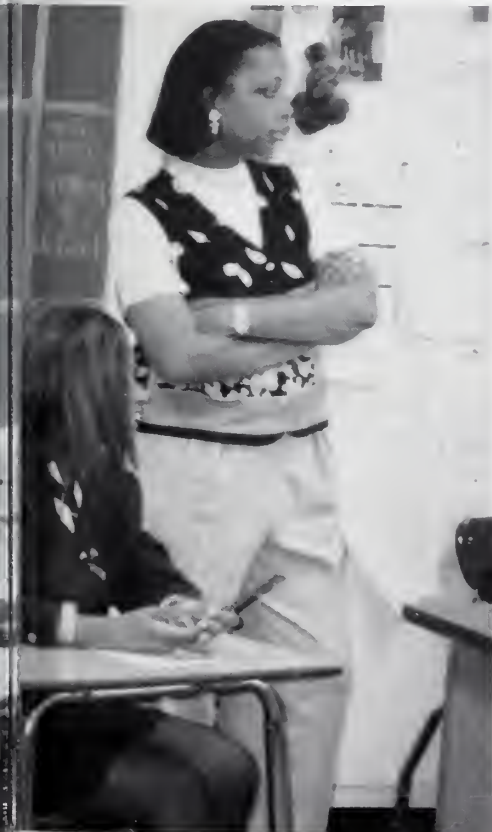
Officers this year were President **Maha Fadle**, Co-president **Muna Jarik**, Coordinator **Michelle Watts**, 1st Vice President **John Pearson**, 2nd Vice President **Vicky Durandisse**, 1st Secretary **Tomika Perry**, and 2nd Secretary **Ebony McNeill**.

The group was sponsored by **Mrs. Pleas**, **Mrs. Sauter**, **Mrs. Lipsey**, and **Mrs. Reed**. The African Awareness society had several fundraisers this year: the Holiday bazaar, car washes, candy sales, and carnation sales. Funds were raised to send members on trips and to learn first hand of many different cultures. The African Awareness Society is a year-long organization which offers many benefits to all members of the club. "Accomplishments come with team work and determination. This year African Awareness has many determined members so watch out!" stated **Maha Fadle**. The African American is just one of many different cultures

"I really appreciate the information that I gained from being a part of this club. I might not have known the struggle of the many cultures in this nation otherwise."

-Ebony McNeill-

of people at W-L. The students who participate in this club quickly discover that every person and every race at W-L counts.



Mrs. Sauter, **Mrs. Pleas**, and **Mrs. Lipsey** gather for a quick conference.

Deila and **Mrs. Reed** are very attentive, wouldn't you say.

Philosophy Club

The 1996-97 school year started off good for the Philosophy Club. With meetings on Fridays, the members gave up a lot of their free time. The purpose of the organization was "To provide an informal and open forum where students can explore philosophical questions which interest them and different points of view can be expressed in a atmosphere of tolerance," said **Mrs. Martin** the club advisor.

Matt Tschetter and **Robert Zalkind** were the coordinators who oversaw the volunteer process of running the meetings. Philosophy Club, according to its constitution, had no officers. A different member volunteers to preside over the discussion each week. Philosophy Club was sponsored by **Mrs. Martin** and had intellectual discussions from past to current issues. The club provided a place for the students of W-L to discuss conflicting ideas in a sound environment. "The club helps us get closer to understanding our fellow students, as well as providing insight into society and the world," said **Brian Norton**. The Philosophy Club would like to thank **Mrs. Martin** for a fabulous year.

Mrs. Martin gives her philosophy from a more experienced perspective.



Kathleen McNamee states her views to the other members.

Matt Tschetter presides over today's discussion.

Philosophy club say cheese!

an Club sponsor Mrs. Shaah-Cunningham directs the
ing.

Latin Club

The Latin Club's main objective was to get interested Latin students together to engage in "Roman activities". Mrs. Shaah-Cunningham who led the Latin Club said, "We tried to bring Roman culture to Washington-Lee."

The club met every two weeks on Wednesday after school. Ultimately the Latin Club is there to provide fun activities for Latin students to learn about the Latin language and Roman culture. The club was involved in many events outside of school. They raised funds for their trips by having a car wash and selling food at the Holiday Bazaar. These fundraisers paid for events such as a trip to Kings' Dominion, a Saturnalia Feast and a Roman sports day involving middle school students.

The officers of the Latin Club were Consuls (Presidents), **Trang Ho** and **Kristin Jensen**; Treasurer, **Rachel Lugn** and Secretary, **Lynn Montague**.

"Latin is a language that is the basis for all other romance languages and it was very interesting to be able to discuss how it helped us to interpret and learn other things in school with the use of Latin."

- Kristin Jensen



These members of the Latin Club listen attentively during the meeting.

Trang Ho ponders how she is going to raise money for the Latin Club.

This Latin Club member smiles at the fact he's part of such a great club.



Drum major **David Lassell** leads his proud band to the home field on Homecoming night where they performed for the fans.

Drumline captain **Travis Hammond** shows his musical talent as he marches in the Homecoming Parade.

Band member **Richard Roberts** shows off his nice shiny tuba to the rest of the band as they await practice to start.



Washington-Lee Band

You've seen them, those people in blue and silver uniforms, marching on the field playing enthusiastically. Yes, it's band! And they had another great year exciting the crowd and blowing away their audiences with their incredible talent.

Band at Washinton-Lee is one of the most popular, spirited, and successful activities. Unlike other organizations, band is actually a class that meets daily during sixth and seventh periods in **Mr. Robinson's** room.

The Marching Band plays at all home football games, some away football games, and all pep rallies. The drum majors for this year were **Anne Jensen** and **David Lassell**. They were highly qualified and did a very good job.

The Marching Band competes twice each year and is known for placing well. In one of their fall competitions, they placed fifth out of eighteen other schools.

After the football season, Marching Band turned into Concert Band and was equally successful. The Concert Band performed at the annual winter and spring concerts, and various assemblies.

The band members are very close due to all the time they spend together and cooperate well in achieving common goals. One of their most important goals is the annual fund raiser to finance the spring trip. The band's goal each year is to sell one thousand cases of fruit. The selling begins in November and continues through the holiday season. They count on

selling a lot of the cases at the Holiday Bazaar to parents and teachers. The money from the cases pays for the spring trip where the group competes with schools from around the country. This is a chance for the band to test their ability on the National Level and get an idea of where they stand. The band is known for bringing home many trophies and good results. This is, for some students, the year's highlight.

"The spring trip is really fun, but we have to work hard to prepare for it. Mr. Robinson really gets us in shape for the competition and we hope to win another grand championship this year. It would make it our fifth in a row."

-Nathan Dickey

The Jazz Band is a smaller group of musicians that performs and competes for the school. This group competes five times a year and performs at a number of events including most assemblies.

The instrumental groups at our school have a good time and bring a sense of Generals' pride to all of our school activities. We hope future students will continue in their quest for greatness.

by Clare Parker



Captains, **Marie Eppes** and **Maria Munoz** and the other members of the color guard concentrate on doing a good job.

The Washington-Lee Band and Flag Girls practice on their home field, a place they perform often.

Check Out The Chess Club

Meghan Dougherty smiles as she beats her opponent, Clare Parker, in the Chess Club's mini-tournament. Way to go, Meghan!



Mr. Uveges, along with some excited members, sets up the board in preparation for a timed game.

Mr. Uveges points out an option while expert chess player, Larry Chavez, prepares to make his next move.

The Chess Club, sponsored by Mr. Rod Uveges, has been a success since it was first formed in 1984. The Chess Club is designed to teach interested students the fundamentals and strategies of the exciting and popular game of chess. The Chess Club is an opportunity for talented players to test their abilities.

The Club chose not to elect officers this year, but instead to hold casual meetings and have a more relaxed feeling. All the members contributed equally in their dedication and commitment to this club.

The team was proud to welcome back its returning members from last year. They returned after a tremendously successful season last year. These players continued the long line of excellent players that Washington-Lee has been fortunate

enough to have. Their success is obvious from their large collection of trophies in Mr. Uveges' room.

This year they decided not to participate in their usual competitions, but rather to meet with the other members once a week and play casual games with each other. The relaxed atmosphere, friendly competitions, and good people provided a good learning environment in which all players were able to practice and perfect their strategies and techniques.

These terrific players will be ready to return next year with an even more determined mindset and strong drive to be even more successful and hopefully ready to return to their former competitions.

Congratulations on a great year!



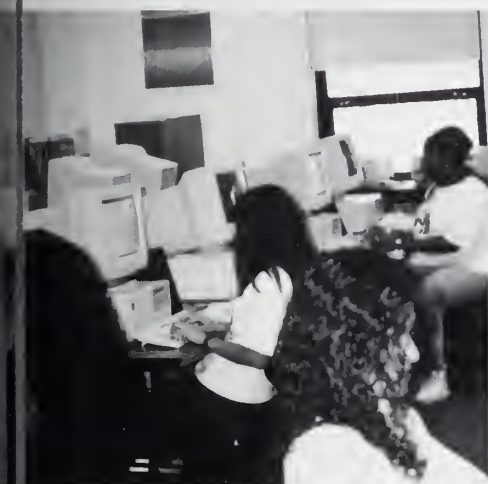
Hiro Kawashita challenges Mr. Uveges to a rematch. Larry Chavez and Brian Norton watch them show off their skills.

the guest speaker gives DECA information on the
or less walk.

Club members Zoraya Becerra, Digna Centeno,
er Whorton, Claudia Irigoyen and Anisha Richards
re in class (Office Tech II) to do well on their jobs.

COE AND DECA

Business and Marketing Clubs



Distribution Education Clubs of America: This is DECA--the Business/Marketing/Fashion group that is headed by **Mrs. Moorehead**. This organization is responsible for many community activities, such as participating in the homeless walk, canned food drives for the hungry, and Christmas cards at Nordstrom's for underprivileged kids.

The President of this organization was **David Hernandez**; Vice President, **Jacklyn Villatoro**; Reporter, **Noah Greenblatt**; and Secretary, **Bianca Ronquillo**. These officers were elected by the students in **Mrs. Moorhead's** class. The students are rewarded by DECA with a fashion show, DECA pins, and most of all, self fulfillment in knowing that they are helping their community. "In DECA I have learned about fashion, buisness, marketing and the importance of the

community. This club helped me mature as an individual," said **Jacklyn Villatoro**, Vice President. DECA meets once and sometimes twice a month. DECA is also involved in competitions. Competitions started in March.

Under the direction of **Mrs. Levine**, Cooperative Office Education is a co-curricular club for Office Technology II. It is made up of students who are in a work-training program. COE meets as part of the class structure and when we have special projects to complete. The club recognizes the secretarial staff each year during National Secretaries' Week. The student officers for COE were **Rob Musser**, President; Vice President, **Carlos Fernandez**; Secretary **Jeri Whorton**; and Treasurer, **Leslie Lamas**.



DECA officers **Bianca Ronquillo**, **Jackie Villatoro**, and **David Hernandez** listen to the rest of the organization with intentiveness.

The proposed DECA agenda is written on the board by Secretary **Bianca Ronquillo**.

COE officers **Jeri Whorton**, **Rob Musser** and **Carlos Fernandez** are serious students. Their employers are very pleased with their job performance.

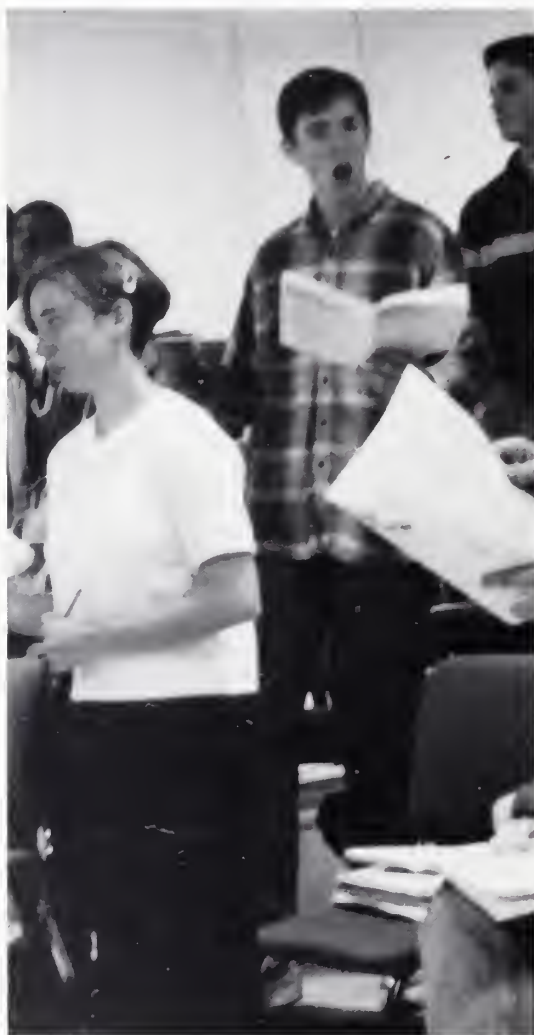
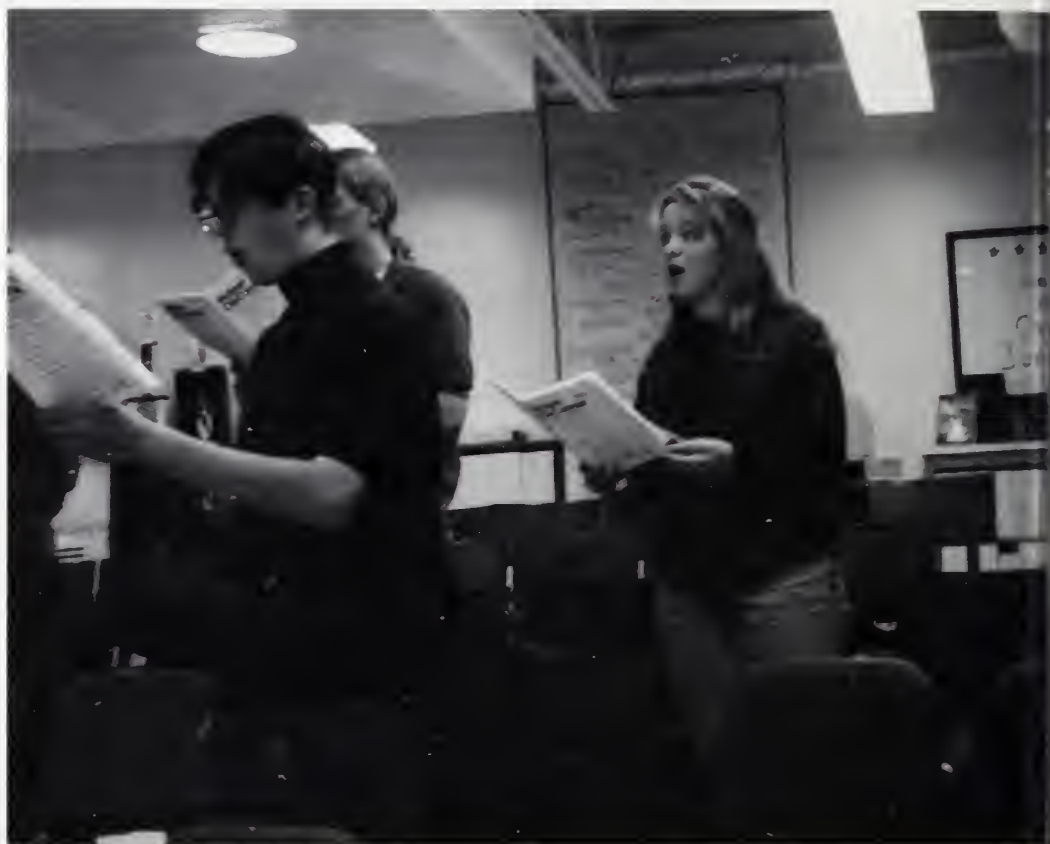
Madrigals

Madrigals is an organization that is unique. Madrigals is a class and also functions as a society. The purpose of the group is to teach students how to sing a cappella music and strive for excellence in this area. Madrigals met five days a week in class with many other hours devoted to rehearsals and concerts in the evening and on the weekends. The officers for Madrigals were **Edith Guevara**, President; **Chris Tyre**, Vice President; and **Gillan Hollar**, Student Director.

Mrs. Klontz is the sponsor of the Madrigals. This outstanding group provided us with much entertainment such as a Pop concerts in the fall, and a concert in both the winter and spring months. The Madrigals put on a beautiful Spring Assembly. We appreciated the melodies they brought us, and the glamorous costumes they wore.

"We are a talented bunch and we work real hard. I really learned a lot from Mrs. Klontz about harmony and teamwork," said Vice President **Chris Tyre**. The Madrigals ended the school year when they preformed for the graduates, parents and teachers at graduation.

The Madrigals practice one more time before their spectacular Thanksgiving Assembly performance.



Okay, Madrigals, Let's hear it! The Madrigals practiced for one of their famous performances.

Mrs. Klontz keeps the Madrigals in tune.

Mike Hadary practices his part before tonight's big performance.

Thespian members Elizabeth Jernigan and Tim Olsen in approval of their costumes and makeup.

Lights, Camera, Action!

It must be said that the Thespians are a huge part of the entertainment that we have here at Washington-Lee. The Thespians are the group of talented students who perform plays throughout the school year. The plays are always enjoyable, and attract not only other students, but teachers and parents as well. The plays produced this year were a big success. One play performed by the Thespians was **"The Best Laid Plans"**, which many went to see.

The Thespians also rendered technical assistance at most of the school assemblies. Although being an enjoyable club to participate in, the Thespians' main purpose is to encourage students to participate in all aspect of the Theatre and to foster an appreciation of drama.

All plays and Thespian activities were directed by **Ms. Filpi**, who has offered supervision of all activities for many years. She has directed plays for Washington-Lee and is known for her contributions to the drama department, as well as teaching in the school.

With all the talent we have here at Washington-Lee, Thespians always proved to be one of the best acting organizations in Arlington, and competed in numerous competitions throughout the year.

"With the many skilled students we have Thespians is always an enjoyable way to entertain, and it's always fun too because the students are so skilled," said third-year Thespian member **Elizabeth Jernigan**.



Members of this year's play were fabulous and all enjoyed the chance to entertain the students, teachers and parents.

Actors **Micah Utt**, **Kerri Salazar**, and **Christina Alicea** perform in the play on Saturday night.

The actors bow at the end of their well-done performance.

Mr. Alexander Robinson conducts the Jazz Band as they practice their various music pieces.

The Jazz Band practices their music before the winter concert.

Jazz Band

There are many sources of entertainment at Washington-Lee. Some are musical and some are not. The Jazz band is one of the musical entertainment divisions here at W-L.

As people flooded in the doors at Back-to-School Night, music could be heard by the doors. That was the Jazz Band. The Jazz Band has also participated in many other activities around the school, playing at various functions.

The Jazz Band practices several times a week, working hard to perfect their musical ensembles. They strive to achieve excellence under the guidance of their teacher, **Mr. Alexander Robinson**, who gives them new and interesting jazz ensembles as often as possible to broaden the musicians' experiences in the field of jazz music.

The Jazz Band has performed in many places. On December 17 they played in school assembly and on December 18, they played at night for the winter concert. Some of the pieces they played included Killer Jive at Five, and Quasimodal. The songs they played were great to listen to and the Jazz Band impressed everyone with their easy playing them.

Another highlight of the Jazz Band is that they're fun to listen to as well as exciting to watch. They make their performances enjoyable. As many people will say, the school community at Washington-Lee just wouldn't be the same without the Jazz Band playing on their side.



The saxophonists make up a large portion of the Jazz Band.

The xylophonist plays his part, along with the piano players.



The Jazz Vocal Ensemble practices with the piano for
any.

ing with good tone and volume is important.

Jazz Vocal Ensemble

The Jazz Vocal Ensemble is a group of talented singers who performed at various places throughout the year. They usually met on Monday at 7:30 p.m.. During rehearsals they practiced vocal exercises; harmony with the piano and a capella; listened to jazz music for style and improvisation, and they also worked with microphones.

Students had to audition for this group and their musical knowledge and talent was tested. Sixteen students made it into the Jazz Vocal Ensemble. Those who made it were the best singers Washington-Lee had to offer and they practiced many long hours to make their performance perfect.

The Jazz Vocal Ensemble has performed in a wide array of places. They were featured at the Wolf Trap International Children's Festival and

at the Virginia Music Educators' Conference. They are also popular entertainers at school assemblies and concerts as well. For each and every performance they prepared with practicing until they sang perfectly. At every performance, viewers were completely awed by their skill and talent.

The group is directed by **Mrs. Mary-Hannah Klontz**, who picks various jazz pieces for the group to sing. The president is **Chris Tyre**. The first Vice President is **Leila Dominick** and the second Vice President is **Jessica Price**. The officers help with the various functions of the Jazz Vocal Ensemble.

The Jazz Vocal Ensemble is truly a group of spectacular singers and is highly regarded throughout the school's music community.



The members of the Jazz Vocal Ensemble always start rehearsal with warm-ups.

Mrs. Mary-Hannah Klontz directs the Jazz Vocal Ensemble as well as selects the music and organizes the performances.

When warming up, the Jazz Vocal Ensemble often sings scales.

Welcome to W-L

There are many students here at Washington-Lee who enjoy helping others, and many of them are a part of the Welcome to W-L Club. The Welcome to W-L Club gives a big brother or sister to students who enter W-L after the school year has begun, to assist them in getting situated in their new school. The new students are welcomed to Washington-Lee in an orientation and are encouraged to join the other clubs, activities, and sports groups that are here at Washington-Lee.

Members of the Welcome to W-L Club met the third Thursday of each month after school to discuss new welcoming activities and assigned brothers and sisters to new students of W-L. Members of Welcome to W-L Club assisted as translators throughout the school when needed and planned the social activities that were held to welcome the new students.

Sponsoring the club was **Ms. Lopez**. President was **Blanca Turios**; Vice-President was **Marco Ovando**; Secretary was **Debbie Khan**; and press secretaries were **Milagros Tobar** and **Christie Watson**.

The Welcome to Washington-Lee Club members love to get together and work as a team to help the new students



President **Blanca Turios** enjoys the refreshments at meeting.

These Welcome to W-L members take time out from their busy meeting to show how close they are and what a good team they make.

The members enjoy the refreshments at the weekly meeting, as well as gathering to discuss plans.

Ms. Taylor with Trainers Rachel Newman (left) and Debbie Khan (right). Newman and Khan are two of the best Trainers, remaining cool, calm and collected during emergencies.

Trainers

The Trainers are a group of people who meet everyday after school in the training room. The club meets once a month. Students learn training skills for many health fields. Through the work they do the Trainers are introduced to possible careers in the medical field, such as physical therapy, athletic training, or how to be an emergency medical technician (EMT), etc. Students are given information about possible colleges that offer courses in the field they are interested in.

The Trainers were involved in the Back-To-School-Night fair, and are involved in all after-school athletics. They attend seminars concerning the work they do and look forward to these meetings. The Washington-Lee Trainers are: Debbie Khan, Elizabeth Malleck, Kim

Newnschwonder, Annie Leripongan, Gaby DeThomas, Sue Coza, Ambyr Shockley, Rachel Newman and Nayyet-anh Nguyen. All these Trainers are very enthusiastic and serious about their work.

Said Ambyr Shockley about her work as a Trainer, "At first I just did it because it was something to do after school. None of the other activities and sports interested me, so I thought I'd give training a shot. I didn't think I would get as involved in it as I ended up getting. It really interests me, and I look forward to learning all I can. It's a very unique activity and I love my job."

All the other Trainers seem to think similarly too. The Training Room is one busiest places after-school!



Four responsible Trainers standing alert at a football game. The Trainers are required to accompany the players to their away games.

The Trainers pose for a photograph after a particularly busy day. Student athletes go to them for problems as small as sore throats to bigger injuries such as sprained ankles or pulled muscles.

The Trainers are seen here practicing a new technique learned from Ms. Taylor. All of them take an avid interest in life-saving techniques.

Social Studies Honor Society Sponsor, **Ms. Jeens**, goes over the inductory ceremony plans at the meeting.

Vice-president **Jenwen Ramsey** ponders over the Society's upcoming activities and plans.



Society members **Tarik Ksaybati**, **Brad Pilot**, and **Tom Lee** attend the first Social Studies Honor Society meeting.

Tom Lee and **Hader Sharifi** listen attentively as news of the inductory ceremony is explained.

The Social Studies Honor Society is just one organization here at Washington-Lee that honors students for excelling in school. It is the only Social Studies organization that provides talented students with time to share with their honored peers to discuss similar interests. The students chosen were inducted into the Honor Society with an elaborate ceremony, held on Capitol Hill in the Senate Office Building known as the Russell Building. The students, their teachers and parents were all guests of Senator and Mrs. Craig Thomas. Students were honored by receiving a certificate and a membership pin.

To become a member of the Social Studies Honor Society, students must demonstrate

scholarship, honor, character, and maintain excellent grades in Social Studies as well as all other classes.

Heading the Social Studies Honor society were Washington-Lee teachers **Mrs. Jeens** and **Mrs. Leeb**. The officers this year were President, **Bora Lee**, Vice-President, **Jenwen Ramsey**, and Secretary, **Paul Holland**.

At the quarterly meetings, Social Studies Honor Society members discussed current events and planned upcoming activities.

The Honor Society is an excellent way for students to enhance their knowledge about current events outside of the classroom.



ar Bui takes his time and listens to ideas about new activities during a lunch meeting of the Vietnamese Club. Since most of the members are busy after school, he tries to meet during lunch and sometimes at breakfast.

The Vietnamese Club

Washington-Lee is a school with a variety of people from different parts of the world and from different cultures. There are many clubs which emphasize this. One such club is the Vietnamese club. Sponsored by Mrs. Mangan this club meets twice a month. The purpose of this club was to educate Washington-Lee students about the many Vietnamese cultures. The club teaches its members to respect these cultures in the United States of America, as well as in other countries around the world.

It is basically a service and recreational club. The Vietnamese club has participated in many activities during the school year. They participated in the International Night assembly, the United Nations assembly and they had fundraisers.

The President of this club was David Pho.

The Vice-President was Ling Tu; Treasurer was Lam Van and Secretary was Yen Anh Bui. The members include Nunh Tran, Nam Bui, An Nguyen, Vu Nguyen, Hung Pham, Tan Tran, Linh Tong, Cam Van Huynh and Tnnh Ly.

The Vietnamese Club is very informative about the Vietnamese culture and many other things. "One of the reasons I joined this club was because I wanted to learn more about my country and culture," said Nunh Tran. "It's nice talking about my country and culture since I am so far away from home."

The members enjoyed their monthly meetings and looked forward to each one. They were fun, relaxing and informative. Any newcomers are welcome. You only need an open heart and an interested mind.



Anh Bui takes a break from working hard at a club meetings to look into our camera. Anh is a hard worker who takes her job as Secretary seriously.

Minh Tran looks at a written proposal for a new club activity during an emergency breakfast meeting.

Anh Bui and Minh Tran listen with great attention as another member talks at a meeting. All members are careful to respect each other during meetings.

Mung Pham strikes a pose for our cameras during a light-hearted conversation. The members enjoy the meetings they attend.

W-L Debates

Stop and think for a moment about all conflicts you have encountered and responded to that started out as a simple problem. Anyone would agree that some situations escalate quicker and you end up with an unnecessary mess. Now, in retrospect, couldn't you handle it in a more civil manner?

There is a skill that could have helped--debate. Debate is a skill that is learned with lots of practice.

The Debate Team at Washington-Lee is designed to teach students the fundamentals of debate so they can prove their points in reason, have a strong argument, and remain calm. Debate is helpful not only in day-to-day life, but in academics and in careers. **Mr. Harocopos**, an English teacher and the avid Penman sponsor, held Debate meetings in his room and assisted the team members in practice for their competitions.

The Debate Team participated in all of the Washington-Arlington Catholic Forensic League tournaments, in university tournaments, and VHSL competitions. In addition to these programs throughout the school year, George Mason University hosts a summer program. The GMU Summer Institute is an enriching experience.

The Debate Team members gather in **Mr. Harocopos'** room for a formal team picture.

Tommy Lee and **Rob Zalkind** are ready to have a debate and start the meeting. There is a lot to discuss.



Victor Rortvedt takes a moment out to organize his thoughts and get ready for his debate.

Debate Team co-captains **Tycie Young** and **Leila D.** tell the other members about the upcoming competition.

resident of the SCA, **Patrick Kunze**, explains the SCA needs to do for the Thanksgiving assembly to the officers.

SCA: Student Government

SCA is the overall student government body at Washington-Lee H.S. The SCA is necessary to Washington-Lee's curricular activities. It helps organize and run major school functions and activities. The SCA meets every Tuesday after school to discuss problems, future activities, and every day school needs.

Mrs. Morris sponsors the SCA and oversees all the meetings and SCA functions. The President of the SCA was **Patrick Kunze**. The first Vice President was **Kelly Snyder**, the second Vice President was **Misha Krepon**, and the third Vice President was **Leigh Snyder**. The secretary of the SCA was **Ben Gaines** and the Press Secretary was **Brad Pilot**. There are three senators from each grade.

The SCA has organized and participated in

many important activities this year. One of the things they did was organize the Homecoming festivities. This was not an easy task! They helped plan, organize, and oversee spirit week, judging, the parade, the attendant election, and the half-time show. The SCA also coordinated the activities for the Thanksgiving assembly and canned food drive. They were also responsible for coordinating the holiday door decorating contest in December. In January they conducted the Red Cross blood drive. In the spring, the SCA was involved in the school elections and the olympics.

This year, the SCA has helped the school community and supported many interesting activities and events. They have helped to make the students' curricular lives more interesting.



The SCA discusses various issues as the agenda is written on the board.

Theary Bun and other SCA members watch the proceedings of the meeting.

Members of the SCA listen intently to their goals for the week during a meeting.

L. A. S. A.

The start of the school year was great for the Latin American Student Association (L.A.S.A.) an organization founded in the 1989-90 school year by the Hispanic students at Washington-Lee. The club is sponsored by **Mrs. Dama Vasquez** and **Mrs. Maria Elena LaRue** and the Hispanic News Media Association of Washington D.C.

The purpose and objectives of this organization is to increase student participation in all school activities, project a positive image of hispanic students, prepare hispanic students for leadership roles, and increase awareness and cooperation among hispanic students.

L.A.S.A met once a month for a general assembly and once every other Wednesday for an executive committee meeting. Heading this committee was President, **Vicky Bautista**; Vice President, **Isaac Matute**; Secretary, **Daisy Blanco**; Treasurer, **Blanca Beunrce** and Alternates, **Freddy Arguela** and **Nadia Posas**. "I really got a lot out of L.A.S.A. I met many new friends and learned more about my culture," said **Elizabeth Jones**

Zoraya Becerra listens intently during one of the many L.A.S.A. meetings.



All smiles for L.A.S.A!!!

Angela Machuca gets prepared for another important meeting.

Mrs LaRue spreads some words of wisdom.



Sponsor **Mrs. Palacios** waits to video the exciting of the meeting.

Organization of HILT Students

This was a great year for the Organization of Hilt Students. The club consists of students from the current Hilt classes and Hilt students throughout the school. The goal for the organization was to build leadership skills among Hilt students, disseminate information to them, and involve them in school-wide activities.

Sponsoring this organization are **Mrs. Jeanne Osso**, a Hilt teacher, and **Mrs. Gloria Palacios**. This organization met on Mondays of every week. The members of this organization have worked very hard in the community and in school affairs. The learning portion of this organization comes from some field trips such as the leadership workshop at Hemlock Overlook and overnight retreats. Club members participated in

events such as monthly activities like playing volleyball, going to the movies and swimming parties for all Hilt students. In addition these students had two car washes, participated in the Holiday Bazaar, the International Dinner and the Annual Kings Dominion trip.

For the seniors in this organization there was a special ceremony in June, courtesy of **Mrs. Osso**, to celebrate the graduating member of the organization. The '96-97 school year was especially good for this organization and all of its members benefitted.

"The students really worked hard in the meeting everyday, they made me proud of them and I'm glad I got a chance to know these students," said **Mrs. Osso**.



Secretary **Carla Mercado** smiles while diligently taking notes.

Something surprises **Moniul Islam** to get his immediate attention.

The Organization of Hilt students smile for the camera!



Top: Himanchu Sharma, Alia Tara, Tiffany Summers.
Middle: Heidi Gumucio, Romena Sarder, Shermin
Abris. Bottom: Sharon Abris.



Socheata Toun, Yuri Sineriz, and Sopita Lapsomphop take some time out of their schedules to pose for this picture.

Top: Sopita Lapsomphop, Yuri Sineriz, Faryana Marleque, Rupinder Kaur, Bokul Fahman, Fukshana Shafi. Bottom: Soceata Toun, Kevin Neuenschwander, Merhawe Yamane.

The three sponsors for the International Club were Mrs. Ling Mangan, Mr. Tony Bentley, and Mrs. Theresa Celusniak.

Internationally Diverse

The International Club was sparked by its diversity and unity. The club keeps the school informed on all of the nationalities that are represented here in the school. This year's president of the International Club was **Sopita Lapsomphop** who represented Thailand. Other officers who helped to keep the club organized were Vice-president **Rukhsana Shafi**, who represented Pakistan; Secretary **Bakul Rahman**, who represented Bangladesh; and Treasurer **Tiffany Fountain**, who represented the U.S.A. Along with these officers, there are three public relation officers: **Yuri Sineriz**, who was the spokesperson for Columbia and Argentina, **Rupinder Kaut**, who was the spokesperson for India, and **Faryana Maleque**, who was the spokesperson for

Bangladesh.

Along with a lot of hard work all year, International Club has a pageant for a Mr. and International. The contestants were judged on criteria of personality, academics, achievement and involvement in school, and community vice. The International Club also had an International night which included many activities. There were dances from different countries and songs in different languages. There was also a show of nations which had models dressed in their national clothes to show off their customs. President **Sopita Lapsomphop** said, "In such a diverse school such as Washington-Lee, it is nice to have an organization that brings everyone together."

-Stephen Coe



They Bleed Blue and Gray

Mike Newman and John Lynch show off their squad abilities to the youngsters.



Twice a month interested students and staff got to enhance their understanding of the Civil War, thanks to **Mr. Les Albers** and the Blue and Gray Club. The Blue and Gray Club used many methods to broaden students' minds on the Civil War, including films, guest speakers, and trips to battlefields around the area. Club members such as President **Mike Newman**, **John Lynch**, and **Chris Lindsay** were able to take parts in a reenactment during one of their field trips. **Mr. Albers** usually performs his own reenactments over the school year, but he also likes to take part with the students.

Another aspect of the Blue and Gray Club is its emphasis on the impact of the Civil War on Arlington County and the preservation of heritage. For this, the club took trips to Fort Smith,

which is in Arlington, and to Arlington National Cemetery. The club also researched Civil War ancestry, and were spoken to by staff members who have Civil War ancestors. Other guest speakers included the Sons of Union Veterans. All of these activities took place to help the students understand some aspects of heritage.

Along with the sponsor, **Mr. Albers**, there were three officers who helped run the club. The President of the club was **Mike Newman**, the Vice-President of the club was **John Lynch**, and the Secretary and Treasurer of the club was **Janice Blake**.

-Stephen Cook



Washington-Lee has its own civil war reenactors, **John Lynch**, **Chris Lindsay**, **Michael Newman**, and **Mr. Albers**.

Mr. Albers, sponsor of the Blue and Gray Club, decided to wear a non-war replica outfit for this picture.

President **Mike Newman** portraying a Union volunteer at the Fort Ward museum.

Mr. Albers, **Mike Newman**, **Chris Lindsay**, and **John Lynch** take part in a squad drill at Fort Ward.

The Science Research Club

The Science Research Club has been a strong and well-attended club here at Washington-Lee for many years. Their sponsor, **Dr. Celita Varn**, provides advice and assistance to students who are interested in the field of science.

This year's officers are President, **Leila Dominick**, Vice President, **Tycie Young**, Treasurer, **Tarek Ksaybati**, and Secretary **Meredith Meyer**. The club helps students with creating and conducting their projects. The members are loaned the equipment necessary to perform their experiments. **Dr. Varn** encourages members to enter various competitions and fairs. "Being in the Science Research Club for four years has helped me perform very well in all of the competitions and fairs I've entered," said President **Leila Dominick**. All of the members agree that this is one club that provides help in their school work.

Dr. Varn and the other teachers in the Science Department give their time to help these students uphold the standard of excellence produced by the members, year after year, of the Science Research Club.



The 1996-1997 Science Research Club with their sponsor **Dr. Celita Varn**.

President **Leila Dominick** and **Dr. Varn** stop and for a picture during one of their busy meetings.

Members **Meredith Meyer** and **Tycie Young** work together on their project.

Sharon Connor is working hard during one meeting.

National Honor Society

the sponsor of NHS. Dr. Weinhardt stops to smile for a moment at the induction ceremony.



The National Honor Society has been a respected institution here at Washington-Lee for many years. All who have been accepted had to go through a very selective application process. The candidates had to write an essay that reflected scholarship, leadership, and service. You have to maintain a 3.5 grade point average, to be a candidate. Once you have achieved the grade point average you still have to be accepted to the NHS. After being accepted all members have various responsibilities to remain in the society.

The responsibilities consist of performing a specified number of service hours, maintaining a GPA of 3.5, and attending all meetings and other related activities.

"The NHS is a great honor to be a part of," said sponsor Dr. Fred Weinhardt. He has been the sponsor of the National Honor Society for many years. All members are very proud to be part of such a respected and well known society. "Being part of the National Honor Society is a great honor and experience, but it is also a responsibility. But I know it will greatly benefit me in many ways," said junior Steve Cook. Some benefits include serving their school and community, and learning things that benefit others. The members all agreed that NHS helps to produce students who are prepared for college and the real world. It requires its members to strive for excellence.



Two members of NHS Pat Kunze and Brad Pilot enjoy themselves at the ceremony.

President Bora Lee welcomes two new members, Clare Parker and Lauren Powell into the club.

Courtney Wycoff, Nicki Pfoutz, and Bryn Karaus really enjoy being part of such a respected club.



Adam Gustafson listens attentively to another member's words during a meeting. All members listen to each other and try to learn something from the words.

BIBLE CLUB



Nynice Woodall looks serious during one of the more mellow meetings. Nynice takes her duties as member seriously.

Mark Herbert laughs as something amusing happens during a Bible Club meeting. All members enjoy the meetings very much.

Members Laura Holman, Lauren Sauter and Scott Herbert take down notes at a meeting. The members take the activities of the club seriously.

Washington -Lee has many different kinds of clubs. The Bible Club is one of them. This club was sponsored by **Mrs. Patrice Maljanian** and met every Monday after school. The members of this club are: -**Laura Holman, Dorian Romero, Lauren Sauter, Kathryn Wells, Scott Herbert, Mark Herbert, Adam Gustafson, Rachel Tolliver and Nynice Woodall.**

The members met in **Ms. Maljanian's** room and sat in a circle to talk about different things. "It is a very friendly environment," said **Laura Holman**, leader and group member of the Bible Club. **Adam Gustafson**, another enthusiastic member echoes **Laura Holman**. "It is a very informal group," he said. The members are all interested in these meetings and attempted

never to miss one.

"The purpose of this club is to form a community of students at W-L who are interested sharing their faith in God and in encouraging each other through Bible study, prayer and discussion," explained **Mrs. Maljanian**.

When asked about what the club had planned for the future the members said that they were planning to go to a youth leadership conference this summer held jointly in Washington D.C. Los Angeles. "I'm looking forward to it," said **Dorian Romero**. It's a chance to spend more time with the group members."

Most of the members enjoyed the meetings and learned a lot from them. "I like the meetings they're really fun," said **Nynice Woodall**.



Edyn Bauman and Socheata Toun have a great meeting. Mrs. Bauman and the members enjoy meetings.

S.A.D.D.

Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) was one of the more involved clubs of Washington-Lee. It was sponsored by **Ms. Edyn Bauman** and met on the first Tuesday of each month. It was a very interesting club which looks good on college applications. The members are: **Socheata Toun, Heather Hall, Graham McBride, Lilia Alvarado, Linda Cortez, Debbie Khan and Frank Faucette.**

SADD members have taken part in many activities. In the future the members will take part in the Washington Regional Alcohol Program conferences, "Project Graduation" preparations, DARE activities and coordination, Youth Congress on Underage Drinking, VASAP (Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program) activities, the WRAP Cruise to promote teen awareness of the problems related to drinking and driving and

the YADAPP Youth Conference. With all these activities, the group members are a very busy bunch. "I like being busy and involved, so SADD is an ideal club for me," said **Lilia Alvarado.**

SADD meetings are short, quick and eventful since most of the members have other activities to occupy themselves with. Many of the members are cheerleaders, trainers and sports players. The members gathered in **Ms. Bauman's** room to find out what the latest news was about. Then they met with the other members of the group. Before you knew it, the meeting was over and the members had rushed off to other activities.

The club has received many awards, among them the 1994 GEICO award for promoting the "no use" message to their peers.

All members enjoyed being part of S.A.D.D.



Lilia Alvarado, Debbie Khan, Socheata Toun and Carmen Turcios plan out some activities for the club.

Debbie Khan and Socheata Toun at a meeting discussing some points. The members are serious about their duties as club members.

Debbie Khan, Socheata Toun, Frank Faucette and Graham McBride take a break from their meeting to relax.

Socheata Toun and Carmen Turcios turn from a discussion to look at the camera. Despite all their other activities, the members still have time for S.A.D.D.

Penman

Business Managers, **Joseph Eddy** and **Matt Tschetter** pause for a quick shot on their way to their next class.

Washington-Lee was very fortunate to have a group of imaginative, creative, and talented senior students this year. The result was a fifth period **Penman** class where excellent students full of esprit and enthusiasm worked their magic and developed two fantastic issues of our award winning literary magazine, **Penman**.

Whether it is the popcorn or the poetry, **Penman** is known and loved by all in the Washington-Lee community. The togetherness of the staff and the positive energy circulating through **Mr. Haracopos's** room was a breeding ground for creative writing and this was evident from flipping through any copy of their reputable collections.

Headed by sponsor, **Mr. Haracopos**, the editors and associate editors put in many long hours reading submitted work, picking art work, and selling popcorn. The **Penman** staff this year was made up of: Editor in Chief, **Cory Shapard**; Poetry Editor, **Christine Alicea**; Non-Fiction Editor, **Jody Wright**; Fiction Editor, **Tory Mahaly**; and Art Editors, **Tycie Young** and **Bora Lee**. With their tightly knit staff, **Penman** proved to be an effective literary source at Washington-Lee.



Seniors, **Kate Seikaly** and **Jerry Poplin** studiously attend their **Penman** responsibilities and tasks.

Brad Pilot shuffles through his **Penman** assignments as he prepares to edit his next entry.

Lisa Gottschalk and **Tori Mahaly** work diligently in the **Penman** room.

Quay types his story as he nears the deadline.
 Paper students spend a lot of time in the computer lab.

The Washington-Lee Press



While Washington-Lee students lined up outside the attendance office for a pass to fourth period, the Crossed Sabres staff was hard at work down the hall. With the supervision and guidance of their dedicated sponsor, **Mrs. Morris**, and their diligent and caring Co-editors, **Sarah Outland** and **Lakeba Ricks**, the students knew they were in for a fabulous year.

Our favorite school newspaper was again successful this year in achieving all their goals. The editors were eager to produce quality issues that were informative and diverse, and to maintain the standard of excellence in journalism that has been established and upheld over the years at Washington-Lee. In addition to the attainment of these

goals, the senior staff members successfully trained a team of underclassmen in reporting and photography in order to ensure that an experienced group of students will be taking over next year. With many sophomores and juniors as editors, and freshmen reporters, the 1997-1998 school year is bound to be just as great as this year's. The Crossed Sabres section editors for 1996-1997 were: Features Editor, **JenWen Rumsey**; Opinion Editor, **Misha Krepon**; News Editor, **Joby Byroade**; and Sports Editor, **Alan Zebrak**.

Crossed Sabres was a pleasant fourth period surprise for students this year.

Alan Zebrak said: "Newspaper is a great opportunity to inform the students about what is going on in their school community."

Clare Parker



Co-editors, **Sarah Outland** and **Lakeba Ricks** brainstorm with the staff and write new assignments on the board.

Crossed Sabres reporter, **Nick Cannon** is checking his mailbox for information from coaches and teachers. Keeping in touch with the staff is important in supplying accurate information.

JenWen Rumsey and **Mariam Azizkeya** are looking at old copies of the newspaper for layout styles and format ideas.

Staff members **Renee Courbois** and **Alan Zebrak** work together on the 97 things that Seniors are thankful for.



Justin Geiger ponders over what to do with his computer, since it never does what he needs it to do.



Mrs. Dawson has been the yearbook sponsor for many years and is the one who keeps everything together for the yearbook staff...what would they do without her?

Staff members, **Justin Geiger**, **Mike Pino**, **Eric Klinberg** and **Heather Hall** even worked through their lunch break at the Bridgewater Seminar.



Editor in Chief **Tony Valdevesio** looks over previous yearbooks to decide on the new layout plan, to ensure our yearbook will be better than ever.

A Time for Blue and Gray

The Yearbook staff are the intelligent, dedicated, hard-working students of Washington-Lee who devote their time to taking our memories of the year and recording them into something we can all cherish. The dedication and the time that the students put into creating the yearbook is incredible. Many hours were spent after school, during lunch, and even throughout the school day (especially during deadline time) to ensure that the yearbook would be finished on time.

Led by Sponsor **Denise Dawson**, and Co-Editors-in-Chief **Eric Klinberg** and **Tony Valdevesio** (who devoted extra time to make sure everything went smoothly) the yearbook students had a very successful year. Section editors were: Sports Editor, **Justin Geiger**; Organizations Editor, **Heather Hall**; and Student Life Editor, **Vannary So**.

Several students even spent a week of their summer down at Bridgewater College at the Yearbook Excellence Seminar. The Seminar, created to expand on the basic skills of year book production, was very successful and the students who represented Washington-Lee were honored with special recognition for their excellent work there. The students who participated were: **Eric Klinberg**, **Tony Valdevesio**, **Heather Hall**, **Justin Geiger**, and **Mike Pino**. **Heather**, **Justin** and **Mike** won an award for computer design.

With all the talent on the yearbook staff, it is no surprise that the year went smoothly for the staff. The yearbooks produced by this staff and staffs to come are books that everyone here at Washington-Lee will treasure for years to come.



Eric Klinberg, **Heather Hall**, and **Tony Valdevesio** await in anticipation on the Bridgewater college campus for their seminar classes to begin.

Renee Courbois smiles knowing that all her work for the upcoming deadline is complete.

Co-Editor in Chief **Eric Klinberg** and Organizations editor **Heather Hall** go over the layouts on the computer.

First year staff members **Bridget Mallon** and **Clare Parker** show just how close yearbook students can become from spending so much time together.

SPORTS

СТРОЧЕ



SPORTS-\sports\ *noun*, 1. a source of diversion. 2. physical activity engaged in for pleasure. This is sports defined by Webster's dictionary, but we all know that this definition does the term no justice. In today's society sports are not played for pleasure, they are played for fame or fortune. Unfortunately money has become the main motivator for many athletes, but, many does not include all.

Since the introduction of organized varsity sports to high schools, Washington-Lee has upheld a level of intensity and pride that has become one of the school's greatest honors. The tradition here at Washington-Lee for successful teams does not thrive on money or fame, it thrives on the students' dedication to their sport, and their pride in their school. At Washington-Lee it's not about your record, it's about heart, it's about giving it your all, whether you win or lose. If you can walk off saying you gave it your all you are a champion. Records come and go, players graduate, but what remains is the school name and every athlete has a responsibility to uphold that name just like those before them. Money will come to those who are great, but reputations are made by those who are not.

The following pages are an example of this year's athletes upholding the Washington-Lee tradition for excellence in sports. As the year progressed many athletes were able to advance their knowledge of their sport, making it a learning experience in addition to a physical one. As you look at the following sports I ask that along with the superstars, you take notice of those who are not the highlight of their team. It is those athletes, the ones who give hundred and ten percent everyday, who make up the foundations for our superior teams.

As you peruse the following sports pages, notice the large number of students who are involved with more than one sport here at W-L. Washington-Lee teachers, coaches and trainers are all instrumental in recruiting and supporting students who are members of the various sports teams. They all feel that sports are an integral part of a student's life and help enhance their overall education. We sincerely hope that you enjoy the following pages which are just one example of the finer things that Washington-Lee has to offer our students.

--by Justin Geiger

Playing For Respect



Even though **Steve Clark** got injured in a previous game, he is still there to support the team.

Generals' football had a new coaching staff and a new outlook this season. **Rick Cauthen** took the job of head coach and **Chad Lewis, George Porcha, Jahn Tiger, Horace Willis, Tony Bentley, and Rolando Terrazas** were the assistant coaches. Captains **Jason Stanard, Tim Stroble, Steve Clark, and Eric Carter** led the team to an improved season. Although the team had their "ups" and "downs" through the season, the attitude was always positive and they never lost hope.

During the summer the Generals program had turned around, having returning starters from last year and new talent. Everyone showed up for two-a-day practices anticipating to hit, and on the first Saturday there was some serious hitting. The Generals carried a hard-hitting attitude into a scrimmage against Paul VI, taking out their frustrations of previous years. Later in the season the Generals ended a nineteen game losing streak, shutting out the Wakefield Warriors 13-0.

Key players included **Doug O'Rear** who has played linebacker, offensive guard, and fullback this year. Also senior kicker/punter **Andy Vendig** has helped the Generals put points on the scoreboard and make other teams

have had starting field position. When quarterback **Jason Stanard** got injured late in the season, backup junior quarterback **Elliot Schaefer** stepped up and filled the quarterback spot. The team had starting juniors who have started the last years. Some of these players were running back **Travis Neighbors**, linebacker **Ron Dawkins**, defensive linemen **Ian O'Rourke, John C. dler, and Stephen Cook**.

Other seniors who have been on the team through thick and thin were **Clyde Wentling, Saj Sosseh** (who attends H.B. Woodlawn), **Adam Solander, Tony Valdivieso, Arnie Larson, Zabrak, Frank Faucette, Omar Castilla, Chris Burton, Sym Hadiji, Jimmy Lu, Sayarath, and Jerry Poplin and Paul Ayers** were injured early in the season.

All of the coaches have now seen what the players can do and have improved their tactics. With all the improvements the Generals had this year the team looks very promising for next year. With continued hard work and dedication the team is sure to be a success.

-Stephen Cook



Seniors: **Chris Tyre, Jason Stanard, Steve Clark, Andy Vendig, Clyde Wentling, Omar Castillanos, Sym Hadiji, Tony Valdivieso, Jamal Zaqqout, Adam Solander, Paul Ayers, Tim Stroble, Arnie Larson, Eric Carter.**

Doug O'Rear, Stephen Cook, and Jamal Zaqqout all run out ready to play.

Ian O'Rourke comes off the field eager to discuss last play.





Stanard watches from the side as the Generals' game goes to work.



After a long touchdown run, even Eric Carter has to sit down and catch his breath.

When Tim Stroble gets a break from the game he likes to go over the plays with Coach Tiger.

Football's Rising Talent

For the first time in three years Generals' football has fielded a junior varsity team. This year's JV team practiced with the varsity team so both teams could practice under game-like situations. Wednesday afternoons the JV team practiced on the game field by themselves so they could review for their Thursday night games.

The junior varsity team's coaching staff consisted of **Coach Porcha**, **Coach Willis**, **Coach Terrazas** and **Coach Tiger**. Under their direction the sophomores and juniors were able to play on a level more suitable for them. With this year of playing junior varsity all the players gain more experience and gain the knowledge of playing in games. This year's JV team acquired their first win when they played the Wakefield Warriors. The Generals' came out that night ready for a victory and they got it.

Some of the starting junior varsity players who held important roles for the team were junior linebacker **Jeranimo Castellanos**, who made some big defensive plays in all of the games as well as being the starting center on offense. The offense was led by sophomores' quarterback, **Brian Kincaid**, runningback, **Jerome Odie** and wide receiver, **Shamar Johnson**. When the Generals' JV team needed to pick up some yards, either they would have **Kincaid** throw to **Johnson** or they would have **Odie** run the ball. Other starters included juniors **Keith Battocchi**, **Alex Feidler**, and **Robert Zalkind**. The JV team put in a new play where they would have Zalkind run the ball if they only needed a few yards. With this JV team, the varsity should definitely have a good future.

-Stephen Cook



Junior **Keith Battocchi** is ready to go out and play and getting pepped up.

Coach Porcha and **Coach Terrazas** give some final instructions before sending the Generals to play.



Nadeem Baig and **Reggie Brewster** show their enthusiasm after the Generals have a successful play.

This 96-97 junior varsity team is the first one the Generals have had in several years.

Football 2000

One of the ways to start the school year off is to meet new people and to begin different activities. Two weeks after the varsity football team started to practice all the freshmen who wanted to play football came out for the team. The team started off with a good attitude and more players than the General's team has had in a few years.

This year's freshmen football team has done very well this year.

After a slow start the freshmen Generals were able to accomplish a three win and four loss season which has not happened since the 1993 freshmen team went four and three. Under the direction of **Coach Mon** and **Coach Blake** the freshmen football team acquired a three game winning streak. The first win came against the Wakefield Warriors. The Generals shut them out 6-0. Their next win was another shutout, beating the Jeb Stuart Raiders 14-0. The third win came during Homecoming week when they defeated the South Lakes Seahawks 6-0. At this point in the season the freshmen Generals felt very confident and were ready to defeat any team.

Most of these players will lead the Generals football into the next century and it looks to be a good new century with players such as quarterback **Jason Hedrick**, lineman **John Davis**, runningback **Isreal Martinez**, and linebacker **Adrian Jackson**. The rest of the 1996 freshmen football team consisted of **Maged Fadle**, **Richard Robinson**, **John Gerstein**, **Ryan Gold**, **Vincent Johnson**, **Odise Adams**, **Owen Powell**, **Manuel Mijango**, **Elliott Robinson**, **Jesse Turner**, **Kareem Parker**, **Edwin Treminio**, **Geovanni Velasquez**, **Jolyon Devens**, **David Kinney**, **Greg Droppers**, **Vasca Harris**, **Muriel Remey**, **Yemani Merhawe**, **Alex Schaefer**, **Lionel Cardenas**, **Nelson Soliz**, **Patrick Meehan**, **Rommel Lacson**, **Kwasi Magee**, **Matt Hurley**, **Neil Davis**, **B.J. Benedicto**, **Ian McDuffie**, and **Connor Sabatino**.

-Stephen Cook



The freshman offense gets ready to run another play against Yorktown.



Defensive lineman **John Davis** is in on another big tackle



*Washington Lee High School
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Coach Blake and **Coach Mon** are always keeping the defense informed.

The football team of the class of 2000 completed a very successful season.

GO TEAM, GO!

Senior Co-captains **Rachel Newman** and **Kerrie Salazar** plan their up-coming cheers for the half-time show at the Generals Homecoming game against the South Lake Seahawks.



Enthusiastic, energetic, and peppy are just a few of the words used to describe Washington-Lee's 1996-1997 Varsity Cheerleading squad. This year's squad was coached by **Ms. Dawn McMahon** and led by co-captains **Rachel Newman** and **Kerrie Salazar**. This squad, made up of 12 girls, took Washington-Lee by a storm with their spirit-filled pep rallies, and all-around energy! In an attempt to get the players and the fans pumped up and motivated, the Generals football and basketball games were always filled with exciting cheers, and dazzling dance routines.

Achieving perfection doesn't come without hard work though, and these varsity cheerleaders worked just as hard as any other sports team. They practiced a minimum of three to four times a week, where they reviewed and created new cheers, and perfected their skills and dance routines. Junior **Socheata Toum** said, "I don't mind working hard in practice because I know that when the time comes the athletes and fans are counting on cheerleaders to get them psyched and we'll be there for them!"

Their vigorous practices and hard work paid

off in the district cheerleading competition which was held this school year in November at JEB Stuart High School. The Generals placed well, and were especially happy with the performances. Co-Captain **Kerrie Salazar** was especially proud of her team's ability to "Stand with the tough competition!"

The Varsity squad really stuck with the competition at an intense three-day Cheerleading camp. The camp was held during the summer at Oakton High School, and hosted schools from all around the metropolitan area. Our own Generals won a "Most Improved Cheerleading Squad" for all of their hard work and dedication throughout the duration of the camp.

Through all their stress and hard work over the past year, the Varsity Cheerleaders managed to put smiles on their faces and give the entire student body a boost in spirit. All in all, this year's Varsity Cheerleaders were some of Washington-Lee's best ever! With such a strong team, the Generals can hope for an even better squad next year!



Cheerleaders **Debbie Khan** and **Lilia Alvarado** always managed to keep a smile on their faces during a routine, even when they had to cheer in cold, rainy weather.



The Varsity Cheerleaders move to the beat of the band as they lead the fans in a cheer to get the crowd pumped during a time-out at a football game.

The ever-spirited coach of the Varsity Cheerleaders, **Ms. Dawn McMahon** can always be found helping girls practice their routines until they are perfected! With her assistance, the squad went on to the National District Cheerleading Competition.



Washington-Lee's 1996-1997 Varsity Cheerleading squad:
Top row: Lisa Marshall, Lilia Alvarado, Christina Robinson, Socheata Toun, Debbie Khan and Love Martinez. **Middle row:** Tyra Austin and Erica Lopacinski. **Bottom row:** Kerrie Salazar and Rachel Newman.

Flexibility plays an important part in Lilia Alvarado's cheer as she jump kicks into the air. Most of the cheers done this year were filled with difficult and complicated stunts, requiring tremendous patience and skill to perform them.



"Hey all you General's fans!", shouts out Love Martinez, to all the players and fans. This was just one of the cheers Love and the other cheerleaders used to psyche up the athletes and get them ready to win!

Kristen Volin, a J.V. cheerleader, helps pin a blue and gray corsage onto Varsity cheerleader Lisa Hollin's uniform in preparation for their "big night" at the Homecoming game.

Keeping the Spirit Alive

Only Washington-Lee's own Junior Varsity Cheerleading team could liven up the J.V. football and basketball games with as much spirit and spunk as they did! With so much team spirit, the fans couldn't help but join in with the cheerleaders to cheers such as "Let's Go Generals", "J-O-B", and "Hey All You General's Fans".

This year's 1996-1997 Junior Varsity squad was made up of seven very talented freshmen and sophomore girls, and was coached by **Ms. Dawn McMahon**. The two freshman girls on the team were **Vicky Durandisse**, and **Ebony McNeil**. Making the J.V. team as a freshman is an accomplishment to be proud of. **Ebony McNeil** said, "I couldn't believe it when I found out I made the team. Cheering for the J.V. squad was an experience I'll never forget!"

The other girls who made up the team were an enthusiastic group of sophomores. These girls included **Porsha Glover**, **Nila Steinkamp**, **Maya Thomas**, **Kristin Vollin**, and **Janya Orfeyefa**.

Part of being on the squad meant accompanying the varsity cheerleaders to their games, helping to introduce the members of sports teams during pep rallies, and doing their best to psyche up the crowd and motivate the athletes. The girls worked hard in their routines and cheers, and spent at least two to three days a week practicing. These practices were important in enabling the cheerleaders to refine and polish

each and every move, step, and chant.

Even though the cheerleaders spent hours at practice, many people are given the impression that cheerleading "isn't a sport", and that the cheerleaders are not "real athletes." This, however, was absolutely not the case with the General's Junior Varsity squad. Their routines were filled with difficult shoulder stands, pyramids, and full extension stunts. These formations took incredible coordination skills, patience, and strength in order to perform them.

Teamwork also played an important role within this squad. The girls had to be able to rely on each other during stunts and to perform in perfect unity. Their practices paid off when the Junior Varsity squad was able to accompany the Varsity squad to the National District Cheerleading competition at JEB Stuart High School. This particular competition featured high schools from all around the area, and the level of competition was extremely high. This gave both squads the opportunity to perform their best moves in front of a panel of judges, and to give it their all.

Sophomore **Porsha Glover** said, "Competing at this level was a great learning experience for the whole squad. It helped us all to realize what working together as a team can accomplish!"



The fans can always expect to be greeted by a smile from the cheerleaders, and **Maya Thomas** and **Nila Steinkamp** don't dissappoint them.

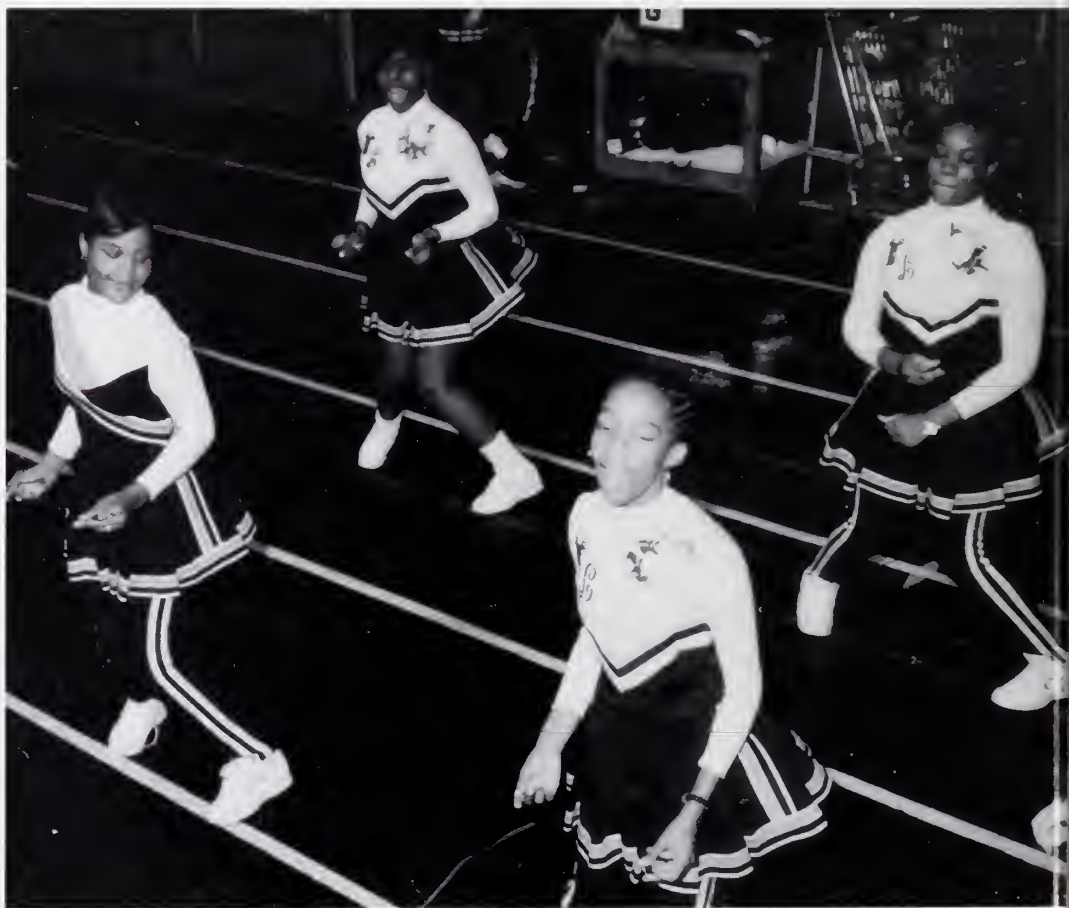


Clapping to the rythm of their cheer, **Ebony McNeil** and **Vicky Durandisse** move in synch with the rest of the Junior Varsity squad.



Sophomore **Kristin Vollin** calls out to all the Generals' fans to get up and cheer for their athletes. "Getting everyone excited wasn't the problem," Kristin said. "Getting them to get up and yell was!"

Vicky Durnadisse, **Kristin Vollin**, **Ebony McNeil**, and **Porsha Glover** get down and get funky during the half-time show at the Homecoming game.



Taking it Mile by Mile

ing hard, Edith Guevara runs alongside her
petition, attempting to pass her as she nears the finish
of the grueling three mile race.



This year's 1996-1997 Cross Country team was led by the senior Co-Captains **Edith Guevara** and **Tom Laughlin**, and was coached by **Mr. Eric Hill**. This hardworking, and talented coaching trio guided the team through many tough races this season.

Being a team member, and the Co-Captain of the Cross Country team was no easy task. Both captains had the responsibility of assisting Coach Hill with the tedious tasks of measuring the courses, and guiding the visiting teams through the home course at Bluemont Park. They also had to use their skills to inspire and motivate the other team members to do their very best. "Being a co-captain of any team is a tough job, but with the job comes the satisfactions and rewards of having a successful team," said Co-captain **Edith Guevara**.

Both the boys, and girls teams were very successful, despite the fact that the majority of the team was made of underclassmen, with only three seniors. Finding enough people to run in the

racess was often a problem, but even so, freshmen **Jacob Barnett** and **Hailmichae Teklai** surpassed the expectations set for them when they succeeded in leading the boy's team in scoring. **Co-captain Tom Laughlin** best described the team when he said, "What we lack in age and experience, we make up for in talent!"

The team raced every Wednesday, on grueling three-mile courses, often enduring cold weather, and rough terrain. Many runners attempted to distract themselves from the difficult conditions by cheering their teammates on to the very end of the race, while others preferred to concentrate on their race strategies or warm-up their muscles. Whatever the conditions were, the team's spirit was always high, and every runner always gave his best shot in every race.

With such a young team, Washington-Lee's cross-country team can hope for an even more prosperous season next year!

By Kelley Dougherty



Far ahead of the competition, this W-L runner sprints the last half mile to finish her race under twenty minutes. Many runners found that making personal goals for themselves helped them improve as the season progressed.



been two miles into the race, but **Senior Rob**
k is still going strong. Maybe it's his bulging
or his incredible speed, or maybe it's something else.
a strategy before every race," Knapick said, "and
what helps me to win."

Coach Eric Hill, surveys three mile course at Bluemont park before his team starts the race. Through his knowledge and experience in cross country running, Coach Hill has turned out a winning team for the Generals!

PLAYING THE FIELD



Cindy Covarrubias fights for the ball against a Stuart player.

The Washington-Lee Varsity field hockey team enthusiastically began its season two weeks before the commencement of school. The team was led by co-captains **Cindy Covarrubias** and **Gillian Hollar** and was coached by **Mrs. Colleen Auerbach**. The team met daily on Quincy field to practice from 2:30 to 4:00. They had several games each week, defeating at one point, W-L's number one rival, Yorktown, and tying them zero-zero in double over-time!

This year the team had several fund-raisers in the hopes of eventually investing in a storage unit at Quincy field for field hockey equipment. The team is also striving to become the first girls team that has three teams; Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Varsity.

Key contributors this year were W-L's first four year player, **Gillian Hollar**, **Stephanie Nichols**, **Kyla Robinson**, **Renee Courbois**, **Maneula Vallejo**, **Clare Parker**, **Marta Xinxola**, **Erica Camacho**, **Kelly Snyder**, and goalie, **Maggie Senn**.

"There were many new varsity players this year who didn't have a lot of experience. We came through, however, as a team and made several new friends."

-Sharon Connor

"Although this is my second year playing field hockey this is my first year on varsity. We had a lot of talent as a team, but our opponents did as well. We improved considerably and it was a successful season."

-Leigh Snyder



Jessica Russel and Leigh Snyder show definite team work as they pass each other the ball in a game against Yorktown.

Erica Camacho walks off the field after an intense first half against Yorktown High.

A few of the Generals take a break to catch their breath and get focused before getting back into the game.





Varsity field hockey team gathers for a pose before a game against Wakefield.

The Generals defense fight to get the ball up to their starting forwards.



Coach Auerbach and star defense, Stephanie Nichols, watch expectantly as the Generals attempt to score a goal.

HITTING THE PIN

After a successful year last year the Washington-Lee golf team looked to further their accomplishments. Each player came with a sense of determination and strong will that couldn't be broken. Every returning veteran was eager to get as many wins under his belt as he could.

Under the leadership of Coach **Jim Hatch** the team was able to practice with more regularity. This enabled the team to become familiar with the Army Navy Golf Course, which is their home course. This also allowed the new-comers to get the fundamentals of the game and the veterans to fine-tune their game.

During the summer these dedicated golfers spent many of their precious summer vacation on the golf course. Many of them were able to shave off at least ten points off their score.

One of the greatest examples of this avid dedication was the performance of **Micah Utt**, who last year was the number eight golfer on the team. Over the summer **Micah** played golf at least three times a week. He was able to play

at various courses, which gave him the experience that a true golfer needs. **Micah** used to shoot a score in the upper hundreds, through his hard work and sweat, he is now able to shoot in the nineties.

In every match only the four best golfers are allowed to shoot for score, which is essentially the people whose scores determine who wins between two schools. These four players play in every match which requires a steady game. This year for Washington-Lee the number one golfer and team captain was **Derek Dalrymple**, the second best golfer was **John Marron**, the third best golfer was **Micah Utt**, and the fourth was **Steve Jefferies**. Steve worked hard for the team and showed his dedication to Washington-Lee.

The team's busy schedule included various regular school meets with several local schools and an end-of-the year district tournament. The team finished the year an even five hundred with three wins and three losses. In the district tournament W-L finished fourth out of seven.

Junior **Micah Utt**, usually is a straight shot kind of guy, but like anyone he occasionally finds the sand. No matter **Micah** still hit a great shot.



Paul Holland tees off on the driving range and watches his beautiful shot. The driving range is a place where players can make adjustments on their swing.



Team captain **Derek Dalrymple** watches as his tee shot on the first hole sails straight down the fairway for a perfect shot.

Steve Jefferies has a perfect view of the green, which makes for an easy club selection and a simple shot.

LEARNING THE FIELD



Candice Brown shows a few of her slick moves to the Varsity team as the Varsity team plays in the background.



Errufino and Linda Cortez await the start of the game as their teammates do their daily jog.

The Junior Varsity field hockey team was led by first year coach, **Miss Sara Cassidy**. They met daily on the Generals home turf, Quincy field, to practice from 2:30 to 3:45. Their practices consisted of drills, scrimmages, and conditioning and they had approximately two games per week.

This year's captain was their returning goalie from last year, **Linda Cortez**. She helped organize the girls during practices and games, leading stretches, meeting with the officials before games, as well as just showing support for the team. Other key contributors and leaders were **Jen Wen Rumsey**, **Cindy Reyes**, and **Candice Brown**.

The team was a considerably young one. With the exception of goalie **Linda Cortez**, they had to learn field hockey from the basics on up. In a brief period of time, the girls were able to pull things together remarkably, both in their individual skills and in their team playing.

At this year's Back To School Night, a few of the girls took time out after a game to assist Varsity players in trying to recruit Freshmen and other underclassmen to come out next year for this sport. There was a table set up with information as well as a television displaying highlights from recent games. Field hockey is a fairly new sport to Washington-Lee, and not many people are aware it even exists. Hopefully, the girls had some sort of impact on the rising underclassmen.

Although the team's record wasn't what was

expected, they had quite a successful season with wins against Wakefield! These outstanding athletes benefited greatly from each game and practice, gaining much needed experience for next year. They learned a lot and are prepared to be big assets to the returning Varsity players.

Coach Cassidy remarked on how proud she was to be their coach. She was impressed with how quickly the team members were able to pick up the skills and rules of the game. They did a remarkable job!

"Junior Varsity Field Hockey is the place to learn the basics of Field Hockey and still have a lot of fun."

-Candice Brown



A few of the Generals star JV players wait patiently for their chance to get back on to the field.

The JV Field Hockey team shows how much fun they can have together as they wait to begin their game against Wakefield.

CHANGING THE SWING OF THINGS

The Washington-Lee girls' tennis team showed a sense of uncanny friendship, which led to a unified team. **Sarah Bott** and **Tori Mahaley** were two athletes who exemplified this relationship.



For the past four years the Washington-Lee Girls' Tennis team has been one of Washington-Lee's most successful teams. In the past ten years this outstanding team hasn't had a losing record.

The girls' tennis team was more than just a bunch of girls swinging rackets ever afternoon. Beginning in pre-season, they practiced power weight lifting, "suicides," aerobic workouts and carbohydrate intensive meal planning. Team camaraderie was a priority and was strengthened by participating in their weekly 90210 fan club meeting. The goal of the team was not only to excel at tennis, but to develop close relationships among team members.

The team captains were seniors, **Joanna Lederle** and junior, **Michelle Tober**. They were responsible for making sure the whole team ran their dreaded warm-up lap and beating team members into submission if they sat down during "suicides." There was also the unofficial "Spirit Squad," led by graduating seniors **Jody Wright**, **Tori Mahaley**, **Amanda Gibbon** and **Sarah Bott**. They made inspirational speeches, sang motivational songs, held pre-match prayer groups, and practiced improvisational

cheerleading.

The girls played everyday after school didn't quit until at least 5:30 p.m.. The season lasts from the rigorous pre-season in late August until the district tournament in early October.

This was the team's third straight year placed second in the district, and their third straight year competing in the regional tournament. **Michelle Tober** finished second place in the district tournament. Also in the district tournament both doubles teams were forced to play each other and, despite this set-back, were able to place third and fourth in district doubles.

Next year the team will have to recover from the loss of six graduating seniors. This task will be too difficult, considering this year's influx of freshmen talent and the added leadership of senior **Michelle Tober**.

-Justin Geiger



Senior **Jody Wright**, who missed the first half of the season with an injury, was eager to play and help her team to a victory.



Tori Mahaley, **Jody Wright**, **Amanda Gibbon**, **Sarah Bott**, and **Johanna Lederly** are all graduating seniors who have been major contributors to the Generals' winning streak. They hope that their legacy will be carried on by the underclassmen.



Michelle Tober, who rarely loses, will be a major key in the rebuilding of the team for next year, after losing so many seniors.



Although **Alice Davidson** is new here at Washington-Lee, junior **Beth Giles** and **Alice** formed a special bond, allowing them to win many matches as a doubles team.

Jody Wright and **Michelle Tober** will every so often let their game face down for a brief picture. They developed a friendship both on and off the court.



Team coach **Lorenzo Alexander** is only allowed to talk to his players through the fence, and between each game. He must instill a level of trust and confidence in each player during their games.

Johanna Lederly exemplifies the level of confidence that her coach instilled in her by the level of her play.

Shootin' the lights out!

This year's basketball team came off a district winning season. Returning senior starters **Marcus Stewart** and **Tony Puryear** led the team through a rough schedule. The team's first four games were against West Potomac, Hayfield, Chantilly, and Thomas Jefferson, three of which were highly ranked. With this leadership, the Generals were able to accomplish anything the coaches asked them to do. If **Coach Dobson** wanted to get the ball inside to **Marcus "Prime Time" Stewart**, the guards got the ball to him. If **Coach Adkins** wanted to keep the opposing team off the boards, big men **Ted Holland**, **Marcus Stewart**, and **Tony Puryear** got the rebounds. And if **Coach Hatch** wanted to see the Generals go harder, the team stepped up their level of play.

No team the Generals played could ever expect what the Generals would do to them. The hard drive to the basket by **Tony "Ice" Puryear** was impossible to defend. The outside shooting by **Richard Richardson**, **Chris Barber**, and second year varsity player **Matt Eisenberg** were always "good-good." And if **Marcus Stewart** got the ball, "watch out, here comes the power dunk." Along with the offensive barrage, the Generals defense was hard to get through.

Point guards **Graham McBride** and **Jerm Pearson** were two of the hardest working, all defensive players. Big men **Ted Holland**, **Stroble**, and **Stephen Cook** made sure to physical and box out when they were on defense. Sophomore **Shamar Johnson** made sure to stop any shot coming close to the basket. And junior **Jarad Bort**, **Thomas Coles**, **Darius Smith**, **Ty Kaing** worked hard at both ends of the court, always hustling.

The Varsity Generals are looking to set an impressive legacy, and with the play from last season and last, that is exactly what they are going to do. **Coach Dobson**, **Coach Adkins**, **Coach Hatch** all look forward to next season with enthusiasm and a winning spirit. **Graham McBride** and **Matt Eisenberg** will be back for their third varsity year next year looking to lead the next year's team to an even better season. With the hard work put into this season, the Generals are sure to be a success in the years to come.

-Stephen Cook



Before the Generals start the game, **Graham McBride** starts off by practicing his layups.



When **Marcus Stewart** gets the ball, you can bet that this is the only thing that his defender will see.

Matt Eisenberg and **Jarad Bort** make sure to hustle and do the pre-game warmups with a serious attitude.

Thomas Coles puts a shot up during a pre-season scrimmage, and there was nothing that defender could do to stop him.





Couch Hatch, Couch Willis, Chris Barber, Tim Stryke, Jr. Johnson, Marcus Stewart, Couch Dobson, Tony Paryear, Stephen Cook, Ted Holland, Graham McBride, Couch Bentley, Sonon, Jermaine Pearson, Thomas Jarad Evert, Matt Eisenberg, Darius Smith, Ty King, and Richardson.

Not only does he break your ankles and dribble right by you, but Tony Paryear knows how to finish too.

During the pre-game tip off, Stephen Cook puts the ball up so Shammar Johnson can show just how high up he can get.

The Next Level

The JV basketball team is made up of last year's five return team with a couple of new faces. Sophomores Ben Walker and Andrew Musser played key roles with their higher learning from Coach Tony Bentley. Costa Sarakinas, Peter Wagner and Tyrell McNeill stepped in to help from last year's freshman team. Sophomores Andrew Musser was one of the leaders with a very strong defense on offense and kept in the spirit of the team. Nick Cannon is another player that kept the JV team in line and can always be found doing on the floor for the ball. New players that joined the JV General about the first of the year. Sophomores Aaron Lewis joined the JV team a really first time player and Jamie Ryan helped out from day one in the first position.

The JV team practices twice every day and in the afternoon in the gym and during the day needed a workout in the gym and Friday games. All of the individual for the JV and their own moment in the sport. Our JV started off really well and hope the JV is going well. Coach Bentley wanted to make sure he

had taught each one of the players everything they need to know so they will be prepared to help out the General. JV Basketball team new year. This team also will work extra hard to be on the varsity team. Last year five players graduated and another five did not come out. That left ten spots to be filled by last year's JV team and this year there are only five spots to be filled by graduating seniors. This year's JV team that is working for those positions next year consists of Nick Cannon, Andy Jones, Jerome Ode, Kyle Trygstad, Nazre Abbas, John Pearson, Juan Pearson, Ben Walker, Ben Walker, Andrew Musser, Costa Sarakinas, Peter Wagner, Tyrell McNeill, Aaron Lewis and Jamie Ryan.

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Left of the JV team shot and watched the freshman before they go out to play.

Peter Wagner played well in practice. He was the best and he was going into the game with the JV team and he was the best.



Costa Sarakinas and Ben Walker are always on the floor, attention from Coach Bentley. The JV team is always on the floor.

From John Pearson, Peter Wagner, Andrew Musser, Juan Pearson, Juan Pearson, Coach Bentley, Tyrell McNeill, Jerome Ode, Kyle Trygstad, Nick Cannon.

Learning the Basics



Amari practices his defense against teammate in gym before a game.

This year's freshman basketball team enthusiastically came out ready to learn and play. This year's twelve man squad was taught the fundamentals and a few plays, all within two weeks. Coach Horace Willis got the team ready for their two scrimmages in that time and the freshman team executed their new knowledge very well. Even though these twelve freshmen have only played together for a short time with each other, they came out strong in their season opener. No one knew the team would come out so strong in a crushing defeat over West Potomac. Some of the players who showed leadership through the season were Amari Diggs, John Davis, and Merhawe Yemane. Being the point guard for the team, Merhawe Yemane not only led them in their offensive plays, but tried to keep the attitudes of his teammates positive. Amari Diggs was the player who would hustle on both ends of the court and cheer on any of his teammates if they made a good play. John Davis was one of the players that played hard in the post position on offense and defense so he could get the rebounds the Generals needed.

All of the players contributed to the team in their own individual ways, whether it was scoring, rebounding, or passing the team on from the sides. Since this is the freshman level of General basketball, Coach Horace Willis made sure to get all of his players in the game so they can have the experience of higher levels of competition and the feeling of playing for the school. This good for the players to get in use because these are the players who will lead the General basketball team into the new century. The players that are going to do this are: Gamell Appiah, Juan Carlos Calderon, Jonah Epstein, Vasco Harris, Dong Jin Joo, Kareem Parker, Jesse Turner, Elliott Robinson, Doug Zebrek, Amari Diggs, John Davis, and Merhawe Yemane.

—Stephen Cook



(left to right) Horace Willis, Kwasi McGee, Gamell Appiah, Jonah Epstein, Vasco Harris, Amari Diggs, Dong Jin Joo, John Davis, Delany Appiah, Merhawe Yemane, Jesse Turner, and Elliott Robinson.

The freshman Generals break their team huddle before scoring their game.

Doug Zebrek and Dong Jin Joo "warmup" against each other in a scrimmage.



Nothing But Net



Coach Spraggins and Flamm discuss strategies with the girls during half-time.

Junior Candace Brown hopes she can sink this foul shot.

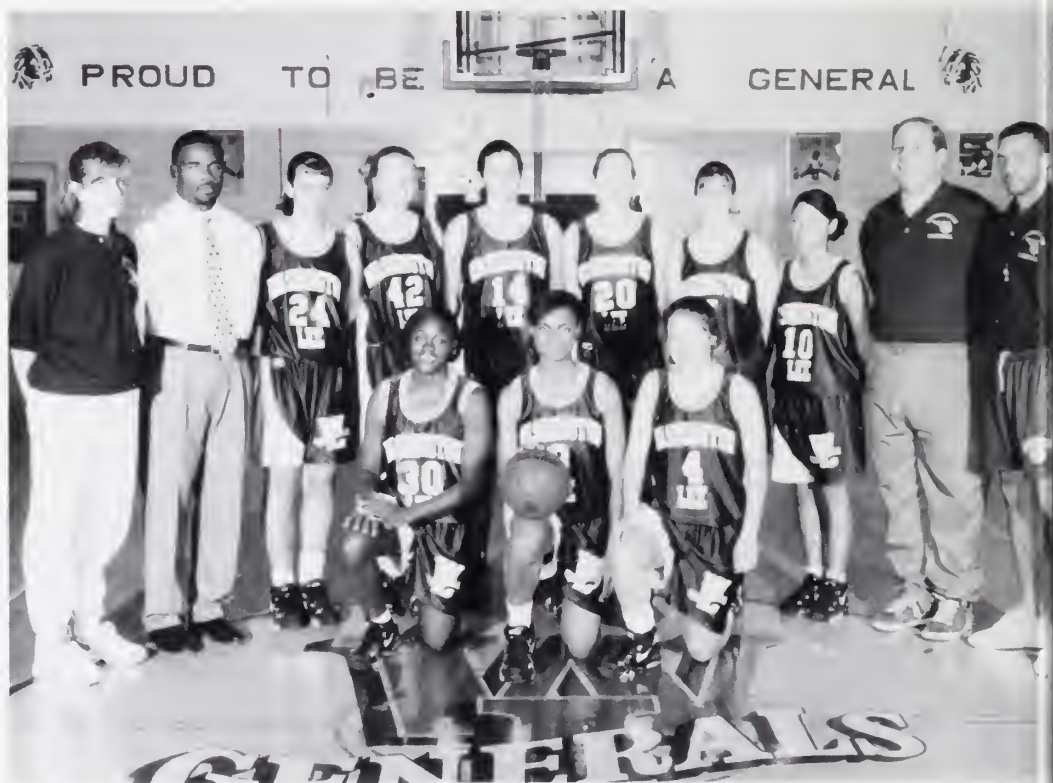
The 1996-1997 Washington-Lee varsity girls.

The '96-'97 girls Varsity Basketball team was a very young one. With only three returning varsity players, the team had almost no experience playing together. With many practices, they adjusted to each other's playing styles. This team grew together and became very good.

There were many changes for the varsity girls this year. They got a new coach. She is a physical education teacher at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. All the players hoped that Coach Flamm, working with Coach Spraggins, would bring improvements to the team. Over the Christmas break the team went to the Chantilly tournament in Chantilly, Virginia. The girls held fundraisers this year for new equipment, warm-ups, shoes, and bags. The first fundraiser held was a shoot-a-thon. Players were sponsored by friends, family, and teachers. The girls got the sponsors to donate money for every foul shot that they made. The shoot-a-thon was a great success. The girls really enjoyed themselves while helping the team. They raised nearly one thousand dollars. Another fundraiser held by the girls was a car wash. On a chilly Saturday morning they arrived at school early and began washing cars. When they finished, everyone agreed there was a feeling of accomplishment because they knew they were participating in a event that would benefit the team.

This year the head coach was the returning head coach from last year, Coach Spraggins. The starters were seniors Kyla Robinson and Michelle Watts, juniors Candace Brown and Kellie O'Neil, and sophomore Kelley Dougherty. The other players were juniors Jessica Price and Sandra Valdez, and freshman Jessica Packer and Melissa Wright. Besides becoming a great team, the girls got to know each other and made some valuable friendships. "As a freshman, the only skills from the other varsity players, but also friends," said Jessica Packer, a freshman. Another player had her own view, "Everyone got along really well and we played great together," said Kelley Dougherty. Both girls agreed that this year the tournament was a great way for them to develop their friendships. The players thought that the tournament was beneficial to their playing skills. Overall, the girls had an excellent season.

-Sharon Connor



Sophomore **Kelley Dougherty** and junior **Candace Brown** are ready for the rebound.

Captain **Michelle Watts** is ready for her opponent and on her toes.



Kellie O'Neal is ready for a pass.

Captain **Kyla Robinson** and sophomore **Kelley Dougherty** are being aggressive as they run down the court.

Juniors **Jessica Price**, **Sandra Valdez**, and **Kellie O'Neal** are ready to play.

Reaching New Heights

This year Girls' Freshman Basketball team was very talented and, with a few more games under their belts, the Washington-Lee team was tough to beat. These girls were all such good friends at the end of the season but they all knew when to kid around and when to get serious when it came to basketball.

Led by **Coach Porcha** the team had a great first year of Washington-Lee basketball. The girls started off strong and finished even stronger. From practices to scrimmages to games the freshman team gained experience. The adjustments to playing at the high school level was quick and easy for some of the players, especially for the starting five.

The next few years of Washington-Lee basketball looks promising, due to the talent of the younger athletes.

The freshman team had many friendships and, while the friendships on the teams were genuine, the attitude from the opposing teams was often intimidating.

Perhaps the only thing stronger than the girls' playing ability was their spirit and teamwork. "We supported each other through everything," said **Jenny Jones**. Their persistence to play well early in the season helped them develop more advanced skills later on. "We improved so much as a team in the first few weeks, it was like we were a completely different team," said **Kristen Felker**. As the practices got harder, the girls worked to become stronger on their shots.

The goals of the freshman team were accomplished due to their competitive games and continuous improvement. They had a victorious season, and dominated games. "Every game we won made us more excited for the next opponent," said **Haley Robinson**.

The team tried their hardest during their games and felt proud of their efforts. They kept their spirits high in every game, regardless of rumors or appearances of the other teams.



Haley Robinson takes a fall while trying to make a shot at practice one day.

The freshman girls' team play against each other at practice so they know what they are doing for the next game.



These girls' basketball players guard each other in a tense practice game situation.

This freshman girls basketball team works hard to practice on their defensive skills and offensive skills against each other in a Kenmore practice.

HOT SHOTS



These Junior Varsity girl players look on while their coach teaches them some new basketball tricks.



Jennifer Lam pays attention to her coach who is talking about play's and yesterday's game.

The Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball team had several members with a lot of experience. The majority of the team were sophomores who played on the freshmen team last year.

The new coach, **John Schlesinger**, had coached girls' basketball at Thomas Jefferson Middle School. He has helped the W-L basketball team improve their skills through hard work during practice.

The captains **Meghan Dougherty** and **Christine Jenson** led the team, along with the regular starters: **Alicia Martin**, **Jennifer Lam**, and **Katie O'Connor**. The full team consisted of **Meghan Dougherty**, **Alicia Martin**, **Jennifer Lam**, **Christine Jenson**, **Katie O'Connor**, **Norca Corrubious**, **Leila Vega**, and **Julia Edwards**.

During practices the team worked on their shooting skills, dribbling maneuvers, and plays. Starting with scrimmages and then moving to games, the team performed well together and gained yet another year's experience for their chance at varsity next year. Even though the team didn't do extremely well this season, they worked hard and improved their game tremendously. They are determined to improve their skill level even more next year. Even though the girls junior varsity team's record was 0-18 they really worked hard.

All team spirit is very high and members agreed that they had a great time and are eager to show other teams how they have improved. Team spirit is always an important factor in the unity of the team, especially when challenged by strong opponents.

The team worked hard at games, thundering on the courts and making moves as quick as lightning. "I love the sport. Each game is different than the one before," said **Jennifer Lam**. Their explosion of action enabled the girls to triumph over their determined opponents. **Meghan Dougherty** said, "Every game I looked forward to playing against my peers and seeing who comes out on top."

Julia Edwards found playing junior varsity basketball at Washington-Lee High School extremely rewarding. She said that, "most of the girls became her very best friends and she had a great time with them all. They all hope to be able to play basketball next year as well."

Overall the junior varsity girls' basketball team had a productive season. Keep up the good work girls!



Christine Jenson waits for the coach's okay before throwing the ball into play.

Meghan Dougherty dribbles down the court at practice to make a layup.

A Balancing Act

Patricia Rivera works on her vault with the aid of coach **D'Emitio**. She is hoping to improve her score by the meet.

Following one of their most successful seasons, the Washington-Lee Girls' Gymnastic team looked forward to building on an already great team reputation. The combination skill, talent, and grace gave the Girls' Gymnastic team the ingredients to be a winning team. Dedication was also required from all of the team members, from the most veteran gymnast to the girls who are just learning. The experienced members contributed to getting the high score needed to win their meets, but they also helped teach and encourage the new team members. The new members in turn were expected to learn quickly and perfect their routines, so they could take over when their veteran teammates graduate. Junior **Erin Moran** expressed her amazement at the new members' progress in all areas of gymnastics and hopes that, by the end of the season, they will be seasoned veterans.

Coached by **Joe D'emideo** and led by captain **Christine Watson** the Lady Generals came ready to practice everyday. The long and physically challenging practices were held everyday after school and lasted from 2:30 p.m to 5:30 p.m.

Every gymnast is required to go through many warm-up exercises. This gymnast is working on her hand stands.

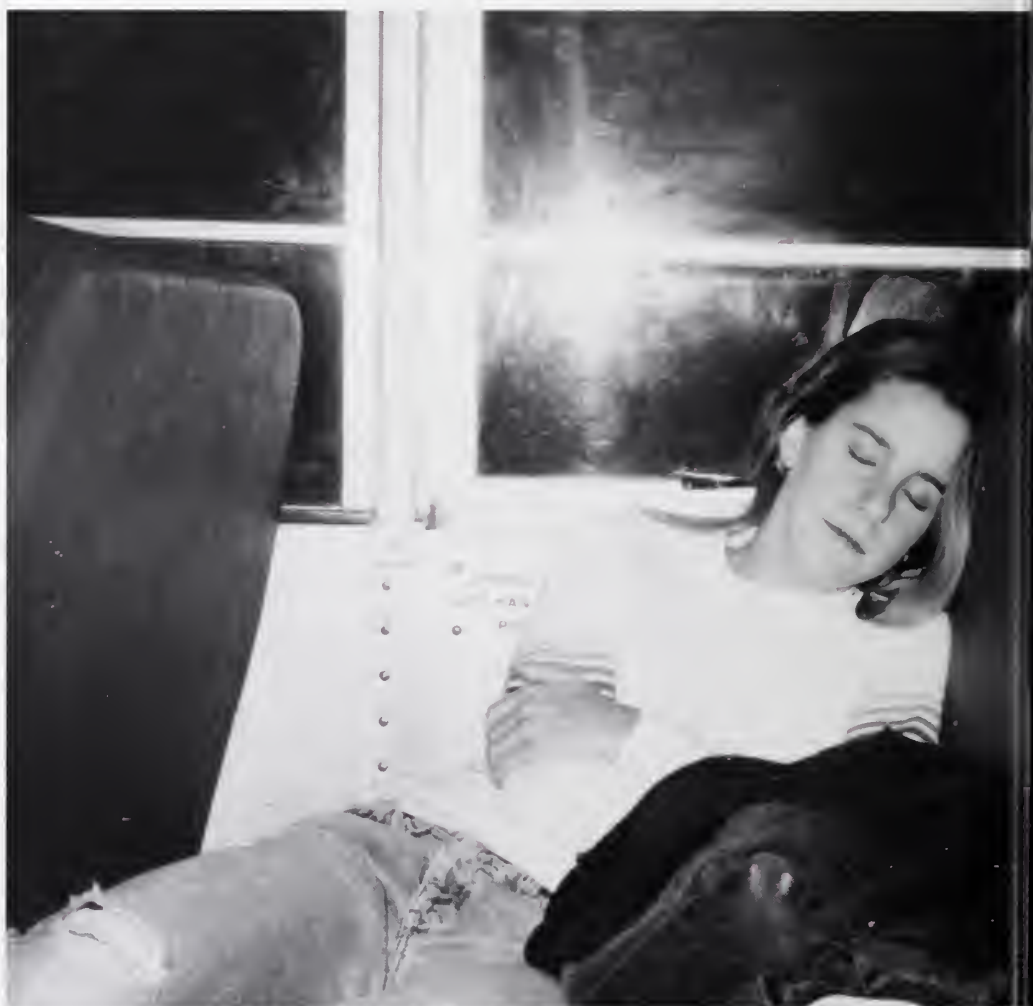


There were gymnastic meets at least once a week. Sometimes there were up to three meets a week, giving the gymnasts very little time to rest. "Having three meets a week can be pretty hectic, but if I do well I hardly notice it at all," said Junior **Socheata Toun**.

The gymnastic meets consisted of five different events--vault, balance beam, floor exercise, uneven bars, and the all-around competition. All of these events involve a high levels of skill and difficulty. Meets involved several district teams, none of which could top our Lady Generals.

After the grueling season was over not only had the team improved in every category, but they were able to form a special bond needed to create next year's team. Each member was an important addition to the team and everyone helped to make this season a success for Washington-Lee.

-Justin Geiger



Junior **Erin Moran** vaults off of the pommel horse and lands perfectly.

Andrea Lazevnik is caught sleeping after a tiring hour meet, which can be a grueling test of a person's stamina.

Bullseye



his new rifle member starts to reload for another round.



senior **Jason Roy** works on his rifle techniques.



This year's rifle team started off with a bang! Led by captain **Derek Dalrymple**, the team had a great season. Practices regularly were on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Yorktown's rifle range. The other teammates included: **David Lassell**, **Jason Roy**, **Nathan Lassell**, and **Brian Lynch**.

Standing only for their tournaments the rifle team made a reason for Washington-Lee High School to be proud of them. But on their free time the rifle team usually shoots laying down, standing, and kneeling with a small-bore .22 caliber rifle. Overall the team had another good season and some had a great last season! Keep it up and making us proud rifle team!

"Riflery helps me in concentration and discipline," said **Brian Lynch** a fairly new member of the rifle team. A number of people signed up for the rifle team, but only an elite group of six would be picked to shoot in a weekly match. The team is gaining experience and anticipated excellent performances this year.

With only six members on the team the rifle team intended to be exclusive and only for the best of shooters. The riflers hope to have a shooting field at Washington-Lee High School as riflery continues to grow in popularity.

The rifle team hopes to continue on to the distric champions and maybe continue to go up! Even though half of the rifle team is graduating

this year new members are learning the techniques of shooting, to continue the success of the rifle team next year, and for years to come. Coed rifle is fun and a great opportunity to develop new friendships.

This year's coaches emphasized discipline and concentration as each team member practiced shooting at a 1mm target 50 feet away. Even though some of their best riflers graduated last year, the team still worked hard to prepare for competitions. The teams' home matches were held at Yorktown.

"Rifle is an exciting sport and the competition is good for the shooters. We should have a good year," said the coach. This year's team members received much support from both their coaches.

Practicing every Tuesday and Thursday at 4:30 the team members became closer. The team hoped to use this year as a "rebuilding" year because of the team members that graduated last year.

"We should have a good season this year. We look forward to the good shooting of our first year shooters," said captain **Derek Dalrymple**. Overall the Washington-Lee High School rifle team had the best season and plans to be practicing as much as they can before next season. Good luck!



These two rifle team members work on their form right before a match.

Brian Lynch, a fairly new team member, practices his laying down form at practice one day.

Making A Splash



Kelly and Leigh Synder take a moment out of their busy swim practice to show how adorable their smiles really are.

The Washington-Lee swim team started off the winter season with a terrific start. The Generals' swim team consisted of both boys and girls, freshmen through seniors. The team practiced everyday after school from 2:30 until 3:45 at Washington-Lee's pool.

The coaches of the team were head coach **Jim Thomas** and assistant coach **Robert Snow**. The swim team was led by two boy captains **Lu Doung** and **Patrick Kunze**, as well as two girl captains, **Jody Wright** and **Marta Xinxola**. The captains of the team had the very important responsibility of organizing the social events and making sure the team itself is in excellent moods so they can be ready to race anyone in their way.

The swim team had no cuts. This made the team one of the largest competitive sports at Washington-Lee. The only disadvantages of having such a large team is that all of the athletes do not always know each other. As the years go by the swimmers created a way to get to know one another better. One of the ways that this was achieved was by having pasta parties the night before meets. The swimmers got a chance to socialize and fill up on carbohydrates that will help them the next day at the meet.

The Washington Lee Dive Team was a strong asset to the Generals' tough tradition of termination. With many returning divers as well as new participants, this group proved to have the potential to win. "Having a big team this year, as compared to the years past helped to improve with team unity," explained **Coach Wayne White**.

Divers practiced Mondays and Thursdays with the swim team. After much repetition and practice, these athletes were prepared to start a competitive season.

The three seniors: **William Deynes**, **Clas Tyre**, and **Sara Outland** worked hard to help the team stick together.

Certainly the entire team made an impressive splash this season, which leaves with the general impression that this will be continued next year with the same enthusiasm and determination.

-Bridget Mall



Captain **Patrick Kunze** takes a break in between practice sets to catch a quick breath before pushing off the wall.

Captains **Jody Wright** and **Laura Weems** pose for the camera before their long hour and a half swim practice.



Matt Tschetter looks up before pushing off the wall for a backstroke.



in, **Lu Duong** and **Bridget Mallon** are more than
/ to rest at the wall after a long hard workout.

Sophia Esterman finished warm up and is getting
ready to swim 200 butterfly (lookat her smile).

Freshman **Matt Weems** is excited about being in
the fastest lane at practice in a varsity sport.

Flooring the Competition



This year's wrestling team had many returning athletes. Among them were the captains, **Ben Gaines** and **Jose Torres**. There were two other returning letterman as well--**Luis Camacho** and **Paul Ayers**. **Coach Mon** was excited because he had many upcoming starters. Seniors **Omar Castellanos**, **Kendrick Jardine**, and **Jamal Zaggout**, juniors **Nick Barbee** and **Mark Rigopooloo**, sophomore **Patrick Martin**, and freshman **Ryan Gold** were all starters.

The team had many players who, as well as being successful this year, were successful in past years. Last year the Washington-Lee wrestling team received a third-place finish in National Districts. Three medal winners from the district competition were **Ben Gaines**, **Jose Torres**, and **Paul Ayers**. **Ben Gaines** placed first in the 130 pound weight class. **Jose Torres** also got a first place in his 145 pound weight class. **Paul Ayers** received third place in the 189 pound weight class.

Coach Mon was glad to have freshman **Ryan Gold** and transfers **Nick Barbee** and **Kendrick Jardine**, all as first year members of the Washington-Lee wrestling team. They all proved to be important additions to the team. They will all be returning next year, hopefully, if they choose to wrestle.

There were a few reservations **Coach Mon** had at the beginning of the season. He expressed an opinion that there were too many open weight classes. He thought that there should be more people in the other weight classes than there were. "Every year we hope to have more people come out for wrestling, that way there are many more weight classes filled, said **Coach Mon**." However, **Coach Mon** was still pleased with the turnout of guys who wanted to wrestle this year.

The Washington-Lee Varsity wrestling team had a very successful season. In one way, they had wrestlers who brought talent and will benefit the team in future years. In another way, other wrestlers were successful and talented this year. This year's team had a lot of new talent that did not have a wealth of experience at the high school level," said captain **Ben Gaines**. "I helped the new athletes become accustomed to the new atmosphere. All the wrestlers agreed that this year was a year of success in many ways.

-Sharon Conner



Senior **Paul Ayers** executing a tilt.

Kendrick Jardine on **Ryan Gold**, attempting to turn **Ryan** using the leg technique.

Captain **Ben Gaines** gets in position to pin his Falls Church opponent.



Luis Camacho executing a fireman's carry.

Seniors Paul Ayers and Omar Castellanos practice for the meets.



Rigopoulos executing an arm bar tilt.

Captains Ben Gaines and Jose Torres practice their moves.

Senior Paul Ayers gets a quick pin on this Oakton wrestler at the regional match.

Catcher **Julio Rivas** whips the ball out to the shortstop. Do not plan on trying to steal when he is behind the plate.



Winning Tradition

Over the past few years the varsity baseball team has put together a very impressive record. Their record over the last two years was twenty-eight wins with only twelve losses. This past season the team continued to show a winning attitude. To start the season the team traveled to Coco Beach, Florida. There the team played four games and practiced everyday. With a three hour practice, six days a week, and the trip to Florida, the team was ready to start winning games.

Returning to the varsity team for his fourth year, senior **Steve Clark** planned to lead the Generals to yet another district title. He was able to help the Generals with his all-district pitching ability, and his leadership on and off the field. Being able to hit the ball a long way did not hurt either. Also returning for his third year on varsity was center fielder **Alan Zebrak**. With his defense and hitting ability he also played a key role in the success of the Generals. Junior **Julio Rivas** was another important part of the Generals' success. Playing for his third year, **Julio** led and directed the action on the field in his position as catcher.

With **Coach Grove's** direction and the leadership from the three captains, the team was destined to do well. Other players for the team included seniors **Paul Ayers**, **Adam Solander** and **George Martinez** who have been on the team for the past

couple of seasons. Also second year juniors **Graham McBride** and **Eliot Schaefer** contributed to the hustle and team-playing style of the Generals.

After a long season the Generals maintained their winning record where they were favored to go the way at the district tournament. The Generals played the competition at Wakefield's field, and accomplished a lot of goals that they had set.

"I was impressed with the hustle and determination of the team. It was nice to see us win together and I was glad I was a part of it," said senior **Steve Clark** about this year's varsity baseball team. With this ongoing winning tradition, **Coach Grove** hopes to continue winning for years to come, and with teams like this one, most surely will.

-Stephen C...



Alan Zebrak hustles out to catch the ball. You have to hit it harder than that to get by **Zebrak**.

First Row: **Coach Greenstreet**, **Coach Grove**. Second Row: **Alan Zebrak**, **Eliot Schaefer**, **George Martinez**, **Vince Nichols**, **Julio Rivas**, **Steve Rogers**. Third Row: **Joe Gortenburg**, **Sean Burke**, **Justin Geiger**, **Matt Quattlebaum**, **Ian O'Rourke**, **Ben Danforth**, **Steve Clark**. Fourth Row: **Paul Ayers**, **Pete Wagoner**, **Adam Solander**, **Graham McBride**, **Keith Battocchi**, **Trevor Jenkins**.



....Running

....Faster



Latchell goes into the final 50 yards, trying to win the competition.



Laughlin has already won the race and is now trying to beat his best time.

When it comes to track and field, Washington-Lee's team is unfamiliar with losing.

If you were to ask the average person what they thought about indoor track, or for that matter, track itself, they would probably answer, 'running'. Well if any member of the Washington-Lee Indoor Track team heard this answer, they would be quick to explain that running was merely the root of this complex sport. There are many different aspects of Indoor track. The Generals compete in a variety of other events such as hurdles, high jumps, shot put and relays.

Often these hard-core athletes can be seen running and training on our outdoor track, in even some of the most grueling weather. Though the snow, sleet or rain doesn't scare any of the athletes, they do enjoy the fact that most of the time the track team had the fortunate opportunity to practice at the Thomas Jefferson

Community Center's indoor track.

The team met Monday through Thursday from three to five, and sometimes on Saturday. The practices often split up into events, after warm-ups, according to events. Every Friday from three to nine the team competed against area schools in the Northern region, many of which are outside the National district. This gave the Washington-Lee runners a chance to develop strategies to compete against thousands of area runners.

All of the student athletes, with their strong will and dedication, hoped not only to have a successful season, but to perfect their events in order to pass on their knowledge to underclassmen who are aspiring young athletes who hope to make indoor track a more successful sport.



Tory Mahaley sprints to the finish line way ahead of the competition.

Senior **Edith Guevara** has trained long and hard for this race, and is able to come out on top.

Hats off to J.V. Baseball

As the school year went on no one could forget junior varsity baseball. This year's team was unique since four eighth graders played in the lineup. There were six returning players from last year's team: **Ryan Holland, Andy Jones, Brian Kincaid, John Omatian, Jamie Ryan** and **Jon Witheran**. The team improved on last year's record of 9-7. The team looked for guidance and direction from coach **Terry Dwyer** and the Tri-captains, **Jon Witherow, John Omatian** and **Andy Jones**. Members faced a rough eighteen game schedule. While other students were at home for spring break, J.V. baseball was competing in four games played in Florida with the varsity team. The year was enjoyable for these future major leaguers who worked very hard as a team as well as individually. The team usually met Monday through Saturday to prepare for the very tough schedule that they had in the National District. All season the J.V. Generals were in close competition for the top of the division.

Heading the Generals' defense was strong arm pitcher **Andy Jones**, a tenth grader who was very dangerous on the mound. Working with Andy was the tough **John Omatian** who was the catcher. The J.V. baseball team had a lot of fun

from the fabulous spring break in Florida to the sweat and tears of practice. They always stuck together and their record shows it. **John Omatian** stated, "We have improved tremendously from last year. With all of the great additions to our team, we were tough to beat and we will make it even more impossible for our opponents in the future."

The improvement in the team can be attributed to coach Terry Dwyer. His coaching techniques and enthusiasm has breathed new life into the team and the individual players. "He is a very agreeable coach who has a lot to teach. I enjoyed him as a coach and as a player," said **Jamie Ryan**.

Determination has to be a key word for the team. Determination was necessary if a player wanted to start, because of the large turn out. Practices were composed of scrimmages, intense running, batting practice and infield practice. All members showed up daily to practice so that they could contribute to the team's success.

All in all, the junior varsity team showed fans what it takes to win. The hustle and talent were the most notable attributes of the team. Washington-Lee Baseball was as strong as ever.

by Marcus Stewart

Jamie Ryan shows a perfect example of a batters star



No strikes on this one!



Batters up for the J.V. pitchers.

All smiles for the 1996-97 boys J. V. baseball players

All Aces for Tennis

The tennis team proved to be one of Wash-
n-Lee's most successful varsity teams this
year. The Generals worked hard on the court.
The team's standout senior **Joe Eddy** showed
the team's progress from last year's and he said, "We had a
strong team last year but this year we are stronger
and better. We are something to be reckoned
with." The tennis team practiced hard every day
on the courts from three o'clock to late in the
evening. **Coach Alexander** was very pleased
with the new and talented players for this year's
team. This means winning seasons for years to
come. The Generals did well in the National
Tennis Tournament and made a strong run for first place.
Schiller was very proud to be apart of the

To many students, tennis simply meant a
game of hitting a ball across a net with a
racquet. To a serious tennis player, however, it
was much more than basic hand-eye coordina-
tion. Tennis is a sport of mental concentration,
physical fitness, and most of all, the utilization of
proper techniques. Carrying their tennis racquets with pride,
the team looked forward to practicing their
skills after school. Although practice didn't

start until three-thirty, team members started to
warm up much earlier during the afternoons. The
commitment of extra effort and time was also a
factor in improving the overall team record.
Players who weren't as gifted physically, but who
worked hard, ended up with greater mental strength
and improved their game. The team felt that their
concentration level increased as the season went
on, raising their advantages during their matches.

Different strategies were preferred and per-
fected by the team. Some liked to infuriate and
frustrate their opponets, while others liked to
keep their competition moving. Since many
players were ball banging baseliners, the creative
strategies used by **Joe Eddy** and his teammates
would inflict psychological and physical dam-
ages on even the toughest of opponets.

The tennis team won some matches and
lost a few this year. When they lost they were
disappointed, but it did not last long. They
bounced back and gave their best shot. During
the past years the players have come and gone on
the tennis team. No matter who is playing or
coaching, the tennis team is full of winners.

by Marcus Stewart



David Wo anticipates his opponet's move.

Alexander sports his new threads.



Eddy practices hard everyday.



Matt Eddy shows the seniors how it's done.

OPEN WATER

1997 was a year of change, among other things, for the Washington-Lee girls crew team. After many years of dedication to our school, longtime coach **Nancy Butt-Packard** resigned as head girls' coach to take on another challenge, teaching third graders. Nancy's girls were left in the experienced hands of veteran Washington-Lee crew coach, **Tom Chisnell**. With the proceeds from the crew booster fundraisers, the girls' team was able to purchase a new boat, which soon became the girls' lightweight 8. A brand new 4 was also broken in this season. The tremendous results that the rowers saw as a result of their fundraising skills made them realize just how important fundraisers such as the poinsettia sale and the subway sandwich sale really are. These fundraisers are necessary to keep the crew team rowing. **Coach Chisnell** hopes to see the crew treasury grow even more in the next few years.

In addition to **Coach Chisnell's** encouragement and knowledge, the rowers were led by their co-captains, **Sarah Bott**, **Debbie Boudouvas**, and

Renee Courbois. The co-captains are responsible for many unseen tasks. These tasks include uniting the girls as a team, leading the land workouts, supporting the other team members, and helping orient the novices in team traditions. The girls' crew team, as usual, endured an extremely rigorous season. Whether it was lifting weights, running, doing sets of the infamous "exorcist stairs," doing erg pieces, taking their weekly erg tests, or rowing in their many races, these talented and vibrant young women gave it their all and were successful in all areas.

Another change that was present during the 1997 season was a new schedule of regattas. The region's officials tried to have a greater number of shorter regattas so more rowers could participate and the team would not spend hours on end at the Occoquan and other racing locations. The team participated in many local races and also traveled to more prestigious races far from home.

by Clare Parker

Co-Captain **Renee Courbois**, and senior **Gena Ryan** look sadly at the white caps on the river and wonder what land training is in store for them.



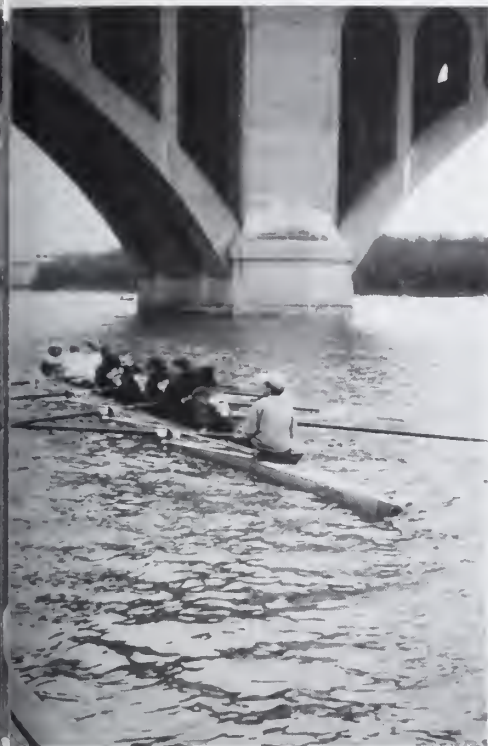
The openweight girls finish off their fifteen minute piece. The power pieces are tough, but as **Clare Parker** said, "Nothing feels better than getting to take it down to a paddle after a long piece."



Stoked by **Liz Uffen**, the lightweight girls take a power ten to walk through another boat during a long hard practice on the Potomac River.

Coxswain **Lauren Powell**, and rowers **Christina Robinson**, **Erica Camacho**, and **Johanna Stamps** take a moment out to relax while they wait for their turn to the weight circuit.

Junior Varsity eight rows under the Key Bridge to after a long hard practice.



Power Ten

Washington- Lee High School boy's crew started and ended another great season under the instruction of coach **Derek Parsons**, and the leadership of Head crew coach, **Tom Chisnell**. This year **Mr. Chisnell** helped coach both the girls' and boys' varsity teams.

The boys' team was led by senior captains **Rob Knapik, Pat Kunze, and Jerry Poplin**. These three captains made up one third of the successful and hard working varsity eight. Under the command of coxswain **Jerry Poplin**, the varsity eight worked hard to prove that the legacy of Washington-Lee crew is still alive. Varsity eight members included seniors: **Rob Knapik, Pat Kunze, Brad Pilot, Ted Holland, Paul Holland, Eric Klintberg, and JB Caudron**. Rounding out the lineup was junior **Brentan Gregory-Morely**.

The other prominent boats of the Washington-Lee men's crew were the lightweight eight, and the junior-varsity eight. Both boats were coached by Washington-Lee alum

Richard Lipsky.

Crew practice for the men began everyday at 2:30 and lasted until 6:00. Regattas consumed most every Saturday for the rowers. Practice was divided into two main sections. One half of each day was spent on the water, rowing, and the other half devoted to land training.

Water workouts consisted of many different drills for technique, as well as race simulation and endurance pieces. The land training included: weight training, ergometer training for sprint and distance times, stretching, running, and body circuits.

Despite the strenuous workouts and tremendous amount of time required to excel in crew, the Washington-Lee men's crew team pushed themselves to their full capacities in order to fulfill the expectations of their teammates. A higher goal was reached by all who participated in crew, and the legacy of Washington-Lee crew and Charlie Butt was successfully passed on.

The senior varsity eight takes a couple minutes off from rowing to goof off. Crew is hard, but rewarding.



A coxswain and stroke get ready to go out on the water for another day's practice.



Whole crew team gets together to take a beginning of the season picture.

"SOC" IT TO 'EM

Hardworking, determined, experienced and talented were just a few of the words used to describe this year's 1997 Boy's Varsity Soccer team. Led by co-captains **Isaac Matute** and **Andy Vendig**, and assistant captain **Omar Romaro**, this threesome was behind the driving force of the Varsity team. **Coach Aldo Zito** returned as head coach, determined to lead his team to the district championship. "It takes a lot of hard work by all of us, but if we play as a team, we can definitely have a chance at becoming the district champions", said **Captain Isaac Matute**.

Practices began during the first week in March, and were held at least five to six days a week, for a minimum of two and a half hours. The cold, rainy weather could not even cancel practice, where countless drills were performed, numerous plays were executed, and the boys were pushed to their limits. Often they ran several miles a day on top of their rigorous training to get in top condition for the 1997 season. **Captain Andy Vendig** agreed that all this practice eventually made perfect. "We all work extremely hard at practice because we know that when game time comes, we'll be able to do our best!"

Over sixty young men tried out for this year's soccer team, one of the largest turnouts in years. "The amount of talent and experience at Washington-Lee is at its prime," exclaimed **Coach Zito**. "With such a large number of players this year, it was extremely difficult to cut the team down to only sixteen, but I feel that with these sixteen young men, we have the ability not only to win the district tournament, but to make it to the regional tournament as well!"

Washington-Lee can definitely be proud to have fielded such a winning team. Already one of its players, senior **Captain Isaac Matute**, has accepted a full athletic scholarship to play soccer at Union College in Kentucky. Many of the underclassman on the varsity squad are aspiring college athletes themselves, with high hopes of following in their fellow teammate's footsteps.

"We work together as a team, and that's what helps us to win," said **goalie Nello Marconi**. The entire team agreed that teamwork played a major role in the varsity team having such a successful season. The outlook of the team appears very successful. With only a few players graduating, next year's team could be even more successful.

-Kelley Dougherty



"This year's team was definitely one of W-L's strongest," exclaimed **Hugo Diaz**, as he tries to win before the boys' first game.

Goalie **Nello Marconi** was one of the varsity team's main assets to such a successful season. With his incredible skills, it was hard to get a ball past him.



The varsity team held practices every day for two and a half hours, but no matter how hard practices were **Helmeis Matute** still manages to perform.

Star player **Issac Matute** always has time to practice improve on his ball handling skills. "I know practice what makes our team better," said **Matute**.

Just For Kicks



Coach Robert Snow returned for his third year as the Junior Varsity coach, leading them to another successful season!



The Junior Varsity team performed countless drills in practice, but Juan Salgado managed to give his team as he led his team through them.

After finishing the 1996 season with an incredible six wins, five ties, and only one loss, Washington-Lee's Junior Varsity soccer team set high standards for this year's squad. **Coach Robert Snow** returned for his third year as head coach of the J.V. team, bringing with him great expectations for the 1997 soccer season.

"We definitely have the talent this year to be competitive, and I know that we can improve on last year's record," said **Coach Snow**.

With over sixty young men trying out for the soccer team, receiving a position on the Junior Varsity squad was an accomplishment to be proud of. Only five players returned from last year's team, goalie **Greg Byrne**, **Oscar Cerna**, **Gary Linares**, **Pete Lucas**, and **Yonathan Negusse**, which left many positions to be filled with new players.

With so many new team members, and only a few short weeks before their first game, coaches and players alike wondered how well the squad would play together. Goalie **Greg Byrne** said, "It's definitely a challenge playing with new players, but at the same time they are so talented at soccer that when we started playing our district games, the team just came together."

Part of being such a good team comes from the hard work put in during practice. The boys

practiced every day after school from 2:30 to 4:00, and often held practices early Saturday mornings. Practice often began with a mile run, and numerous drills and exercises. With limited space for fields at Washington-Lee, the Junior Varsity team was often forced to share their field with the varsity boys. Despite this setback, most of the members of the J.V. felt that this was a chance for them to get to practice with more experienced players and the opportunity to prepare for the transition to the varsity team next year.

Most of the members of the Junior Varsity team participated in intramural indoor soccer as well as Washington-Lee's World Cup Soccer Tournament during the off-season to maintain their skills and keep in top condition. **Yonathan Negusse** felt that the opportunity to play soccer year-round at W-L gave those who participated a tremendous advantage over their competition who might not have had such privileges. The other J.V. players agreed, saying that working out during the off-season is one of the key factors to their team's success.

Overall this year's Junior Varsity team was one of the General's most successful team of young men with the talent, motivation, and the right attitudes to pull out a winning season!

-Kelley Dougherty



With all his strength, **Baulo Chacon** power kicks the soccer ball. With such strength and speed on the Junior Varsity it came as no surprise that they had such a successful season.



Juan Tobar leads his team in warming-up before the General's practice. With limited space at W-L it was difficult to find space for all of the teams, but the boys easily overcame any minor setbacks.

J.V. Soccer

The junior varsity soccer season had a great start. A meeting was held early in the season to supply possible players with important information about the process of trying out. A large number of hopeful girls showed up. Many girls from last year came hoping to make it again along with several newcomers.

Soccer is one of the more popular sports at Washington-Lee. Students can be seen playing this challenging sport in P.E., at lunch time and after school. It seems that there is always a game going on in the fields of Washington-Lee. "Along with being an enjoyable sport, it is good exercise," said **Diane Harris**. Diane plays for an Arlington County team as her schedule does not permit her to play for a school team.

It is favorable to have a sport on your college application, as it shows colleges that you can manage your time well between school work and extra-curricular activities. "This is one of the main reasons I'm trying out for soccer,"

Nicki Pfoutz and **Jenny Jones** lead the stretching exercises the girls do every day to warm up for practice. Stretching is only one of the many exercises the girls do at the beginning of practice.



said **Hunny Trehan**. "Playing soccer is so much fun," she added laughing.

After holding rigorous try-outs everyday after school for two weeks the coaches finally decided who is capable of playing for the Washington-Lee junior varsity soccer team. It was not an easy task choosing players from all the talented girls who tried out, but the coach had to do it.

The girls who made the team are **Mollie Cross-Cole, Julia Dickerman, Carmen Granados, Tania Harrera, Jenny Jones, Leslie James, Sopita Lapsomphop, Melissa Lloyd, Angela Machuca, Debbie Malloy, Raquel Martin, Ana Mijich, Nicki Pfoutz, Cindy Reyes, Patricia Rivera, Ann Tetreault-Roney, Milago Tobar, Rachel Tolliver, Elizabeth Valdez, Rubidia Vasquez** and **Ashley Vierra**.

Good luck for the season!!



Coach Matos paces the room as he carefully gives the girls instructions for the day's practice. The coach is a respected person, and the girls enjoy his expert coaching.



Rachel Tolliver bends to touch her toes. She has to stay fit in order to play soccer as best as she can.

The entire soccer team listens attentively as Coach Matos addresses them before a practice session. The girls are serious about their game and try to learn from their coach.

Varsity Soccer



Coach Watson and Coach Barbo watch the girls as they practice. The coaches had to carefully select the girls for the varsity team.

The varsity soccer season got off to a great start. It was nice to see that a large number of girls showed up for the varsity try-outs also. The girls met everyday after school to do a series of exercises directed by coach **Judy Watson**. These exercises were not easy, and for many not a lot of fun. However, the really serious soccer players overlooked these minor discomforts. "I really wanted to make the team, so I didn't mind all the exercise," said **Candice Brown**.

Coach Watson said, "We've had a great turnout this year and will have to make our selection carefully. We realize that we're dealing with exceptionally talented girls, many of whom play outside school for other teams."

Under the supervision of the coaches the girls ran around the gym in complicated patterns to warm up in the beginning of their tryout session. This went on for about ten minutes. "It is really tiring running for this long, especially since I haven't run in a long time," said **Mollie Cahill**. "But it feels good," she continued.

After the ten-minute running session, the

girls formed a circle and began their stretches. Usually one or two girls from the hopefuls lead the stretches. "I really enjoy stretching. It feels good after the run," said **Kelly Snyder**.

After this the girls started a mini-scrimage, with the coaches choosing the teams. "We're trying to see which girls can play which position, and how well they can play it. We want to see how skilled the girls are. We're looking for talented girls, who can play soccer competitively," said **Coach Barbo**.

The varsity soccer team members are **Candice Brown, Amanda Gibbon, Andrea Lazevnick, Stephanie Nichols, Kyla Robinson, Kelly Snyder, Marta XinXole, Mollie Cahill, Beth Giles, Claudia Irigoyen, Ruthie Lezama, Jessica Packett, Hadley Robinson, Maria Rosal, Jessica Russell, Kasie Scopetti, Sheetal Vashi and Melissa Wright**.

The girls looked forward to a successful soccer season and did extremely well.



Stephanie Nichols ties her shoe as she gets ready for practice. Stephanie is a serious player who tries hard to improve herself.

These girls are having a mini-scrimage. The coaches picked the separate teams and observed the girls carefully to see who could play which position.



Amanda Gibbon and Kelly Snyder greet the girls before practice. Both girls love soccer and have fun during practice.

Varsity Softball

The Washington-Lee varsity softball team showed its experience and hard work during the spring season of 1997. The team was led by **Rick Cauthen**, but on the field it was led by **captains Carrie Fulton** and **Christine Malloy**.

The players and coaches first had to put up with two weeks of wet weather that pushed all the spring sports into Washington-Lee's one and only gym. That limited practice space and time to all varsity members. The varsity members stuck it out and had some fantastic practices without breaking windows. Then the varsity team had to make their way through a back-breaking 20-game season, as well as a district tournament. The team practiced every day after school and on Saturday mornings. Excited **junior Erin Moran** exclaimed, "I don't mind Saturday morning practices. They help us get more involved and we become closer with our other teammates!" **Love Martinez** said "Practices are strenuous and tiring, but they strengthened everyone's skills and enabled us to play really well together."

It was back to the basics with younger players, while the acquired experience of the senior players helped to support the team through a tough season.

Erin Krafahak keeps the sun out of her eyes while preparing for a catch.



Coach Rick Cauthen managed to pull the team together, giving them the foundation to achieve a winning record season. Aside from the team's success, softball players also enjoyed themselves. Being involved with an enthusiastic group of team members made varsity softball all worth while.

Their excitement was understandable as they bulldozed over their opponents. **Senior Christine Malloy** expressed, "As a captain I was pleased to see how well everyone worked for themselves as well as together as a team."

The combination of a great coach, and a talented, strong and dedicated team proved that they were capable of accomplishing great things as a team. The season gave young players needed experience, and with the coach's encouragement, the team really pulled themselves together.

Their hard work paid off, as they came away with an impressive season. Every member of the team agreed that this year's team was one of the best ever. With such a young team, the school's future looks even better!

-Bridget Mallon



Love Martinez excitedly awaits for the ball from her teammate **Heather Hall**.



Cameosis Goodman smiles for the camera just before a long day of softball.

Allison Jaslow catches a grounder while the team practices inside for the week due to wet weather.

JV Softball



Chelsea O'Rourke tosses the ball around before practice.



Meg Ryan retrieves the ball out on the Quincy field.

The J.V. Softball team "hit" it off to a great start this spring season. Under head coach **Rick Cauthen** and J.V coach, **Coach Munder**, the J.V girls came out to be the most spirited sports team at W-L.

From the first scrimmage against Annandale at home, the team really saw a challenging, yet optimistic season ahead of them. "We performed considerably better than we expected to. Cooperation is really what this team had and determination among various players really brought the team to victory," said freshman **Kristen Felker**.

The hardworking J.V players spent a grueling two and a half hours of practice, five days a week that showed that the team had a tremendous season. The team worked on many skills that helped them do the things they needed to do to be successful.

Coach Munder said, "The team spent a lot of time and effort working on their different skills. We did a great deal of running and batting." The coach pulled the team together and gave the team the foundation they needed to achieve their great goals. Aside from the team's success, softball players also enjoyed themselves and had a good time. The team agreed being involved with an enthusiastic group of players made it all worthwhile. These players worked so hard to achieve their goals. They deserved all of their wins and all of their recognition. The team knew that it was not a matter of winning or losing, but that they were all in it to have fun.

Perhaps the most defining characteristic of the

team was its sense of having a good time.

Since the beginning of the season was rainy, the players had to persevere through awful weather. They had to continue their practice in the gym on some days and it made it hard to fit in their strenuous practice of sprints and fielding skills. Fortunately the weather was not too cold for the team to practice outside on the Quincy field. They made it outside several days and worked on team work and scrimmages. These J.V players surprised themselves at the end of the season. The team improved considerably throughout the 1997 spring season. The dedication they put in it really showed.

The coaches will be excited to see most of the J.V players returning next year with the same great attitude they had all season.

This year's J.V girls consisted mostly of freshmen and sophomores that will look forward to playing on next year's varsity team. Most players have showed nothing but improvement which can only help them with next year's season as well.

These terrific, spirited girls have helped the team grow. That is why Erin Craftcheck said, "This year playing J.V. softball helped me set goals and get in shape."



Elizabeth Jones concentrates on taking a great swing during practice indoors.

The J.V. softball team takes a break from the hard practice.



Fast as Lightning

Washington-Lee's outdoor track team was off to a "running" start this year. The team was coached by **Eric Hill** and assistants, **Mr. Brittain**, **Mr. Porcha**, **Mr. Marcey**, and **Mr. Matos**. The driving force behind the team, as it has been for the last few years, are senior captains **Edith Guerva** and **Thomas Laughlin**. Both proved to be great role models for the younger, inexperienced runners as the two never seem to lack enthusiasm or spirit.

The girls' side of the team is dominated by two outstanding seniors, **Michelle Watts** and **Edith Guerva**. **Michelle** looked to improve upon her third place finish at the state championships that she captured as a sophomore. Meanwhile, **Edith**, one of the top miler and two milers in the region, hoped to advance to states and place this year. Senior, **Tim Stroble**, on the boys' half of the track team, worked hard to return to regionals in shotput, while captain **Thomas Laughlin** is hoping to make it to regionals in the 800 meter run.

The team is made up of about thirty members, most of whom just started running this year.

"The team is young, but I see tremendous potential," exclaimed **Coach Hill**. "The other teams better watch out for us in the next couple of years!" Though the senior half of the team kept it all together and hassled the team throughout, it is truly the extra hard work and dedication from the younger members of the team that will allow the team to be successful throughout the entire season. Two outstanding freshman boys, **Patrick Fisher** and **Hallie Takli**, both made it to regionals in indoor track and are hoped to advance even further in the spring. "I was very surprised I made it to regionals this winter," stated **Patrick Fisher**. I only hope that I am as successful this season as well."

Not only will this year be an exciting one, but it is the first year in which girls can pole vault. But because the W-L track is not regulation, the team has no girl pole vaulters this season. As the team continues to grow in experience and members, they are accomplishing many of the goals which they have set for themselves throughout the school year.

by Meghan Dougherty

Austin Mehia and fellow track members sprint the lap to the finish line.



The track team takes time to stretch out before they begin their strenuous practice.

Standing patiently at the starting line, the track team prepares for a mile run.



Members of the track team explode from the starting line.

Macho, Macho Men

one and only senior, **Chris Tyre**, uses all of his strength as he swings from the rings.



Muscle, spirit, grace and the combined skills of the members of the boys' gymnastics team were essential to the success of the team as a whole as well as to the talent and success of each individual member.

Coach **Joe D'Emidio** coached each member through rigorous regimen each day which greatly improved their strength, flexibility, and the special skills unique to gymnastics. "We've come a long way since last year. As the program begins to develop and we see more and more boys participating in gymnastics, we see our team improving tremendously," exclaimed **Coach D'Emidio**. Besides great coaching, the real backbone and driving force behind this year's team were co-captains **Marco Ovando** and **Willie Deynes**. The strong leadership and enthusiasm of these two were necessary for the team to be successful. "I think that a lot of the younger, inexperienced gymnasts look up to us and think of us as role models. It is up to the captains to show them how it's really done out there!" declared captain **Marco Ovando**.

Though there are only seven members on the

entire team, the boys worked together with great strength to achieve the goals set for them. Such dedication and willingness to achieve were necessary when competing against powerhouses such as Mount Vernon, Centerville, and South Lakes, as well as rival Yorktown.

Even though the team lost many of its outstanding gymnasts from last year, this year the newest gymnasts are dominating on the rings, bars, high beam, and vault. Senior **Chris Tyre** exclaimed, "Many returning members have improved a great deal during the off-season and it was great to see so many coming back for this season."

Practices were held every afternoon from 2:30 to 4:30 in the auxiliary gyms. Each day they all worked very hard to improve their vault, balance beam, uneven bars, and the rings. All of these events involve tremendous skill and patience and only the most prestigious gymnasts succeed. Apparently all of the hard work and effort paid off for the team this year as they were extremely successful. Kudos to the boys' gymnastics team on a great season!



an **Marco Ovando** practices his unique routine on the parallel bars.



Bryan Tenor shows his true flexibility and skill as he performs his routine on the vault.

Legs up to senior **Willie Deynes** as he performs perfectly on the parallel bars.

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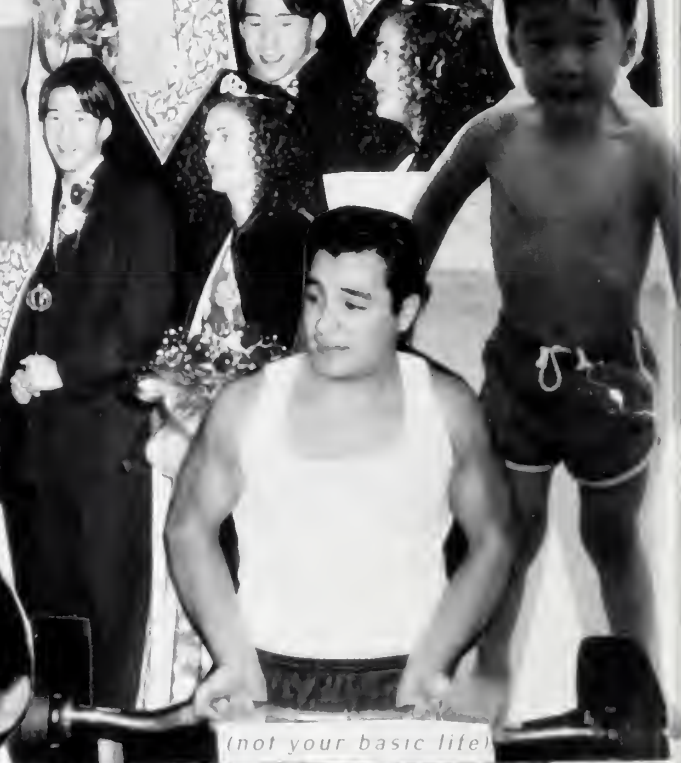
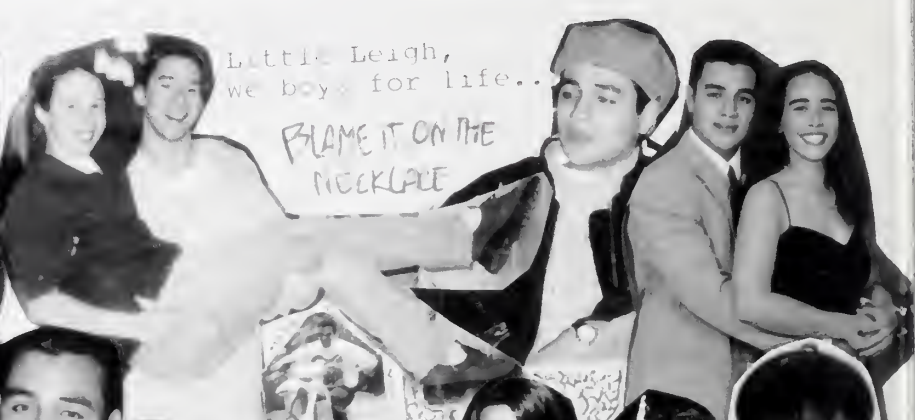
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"I'd Trade all my
Tomorrows for a
Single yesterday."



who's not afraid to tell me that he needs me and cares for me. He gives me love.

gorgeous

BLANCA OZGUR I'm committed

is he

Love has its entitlements as well as its responsibilities

my! what a wonderful

for moments too special to forget

THE LOVERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

for me

loosely, he makes me laugh. I've been bedridden when I'm with him. He makes me feel like I'm the only one with a different mind.

babe

perfect boyfriend

supersweet

I can't go to sleep without him. I love him.

My boyfriend is my best friend.

"I wonder if she's having as great a time as I am."

"He never forgets an important date."

"I'm really into her, I don't get distracted by anything."

"Big enough."

sexy

who wouldn't be jealous?

sexy

best

it's hard to be apart. But we love each other so much that I know we'll stay together."

HAPPINESS

virgo

"When you're with someone you love, you actually enjoy spending the weekend with him."

a guy



FINAL MEMORIES

the bad the good

clueless what- EVER!



Vacation

GRIS

Bob
Video Film

RAE

Lyra

KER

Sacha

"Hello"
The Beach
-1

England

18
The Beach
-1

Chad



Earlier



which guy?
B.Y.
Game
Marian



Younger guys?
Eric 2
The Beach 2

frustrated



During
School

MIKE'S
FALL
After School
Snack - 1
One



MIKE
The Beach
-1

Eric 1

MIKE'S HOUSE
17



Buzz

Slip



China
House
Lug
Rumado

"JCE"

(David's
Breakfast with Dinner)

Simon
Lie?



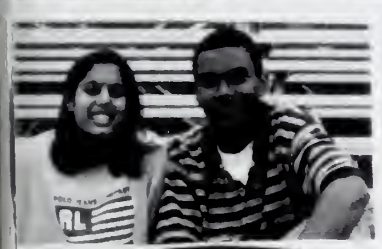


FRANK

#9



#36 **ERIC**
N.Y.



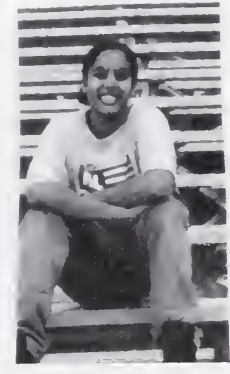
Big-T

Tim #55



THY-SINE

RAE



GOD ANSWERED.

Why did I make you Black?
Why did I make You Black?
Get off your knees and look around.
Tell me, what do you see?
I didn't make you in the image of darkness.
I made you in likeness of ME!

FLAWA

BPG-T

COME ON OVER HERE

EXCLUSIVE!

New School Divas

WHAT EVER!!

IT'S NOT EVEN FUNNY

LET IT FLOW

You are the color of midnight sky.
I put the stars' glitter in your eyes.
There is a smile hidden behind your pain.
That's why your cheeks are so high

Can't A Girl Eat in Peace?

COUSINS
W Not Sister W
CYNTHIA KEB A

ADVISORY
EXPLICIT LYRICS

KEBA stop procrastinating.
KEBA be Playful.
KEBA stop Worrying.

MAHOGANY
plus others

JUNIOR M.A.F.I.A.

N.Y.G.

UNITY IS THE KEY

Congratulations Eric!

With pride, love and thanksgiving for you and all your accomplishments: Mom, Dad, Will, and Sally and the rest of your family:

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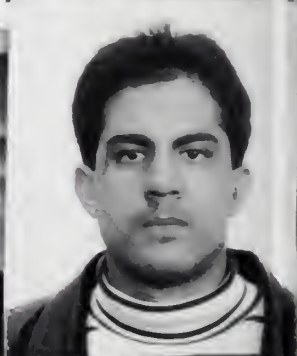
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This is who
 I lived



The cutes. Prettest Kids in the world



T O G

THE P-FUNK MOB

18 C

...sucka here...

NOVA pride

Are you
sure?

HIBBITY
HIBBITY

Okay, I'll see you there...

STUFF

JUST GIMME A SNACK PACK!!!

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

Yeah, cause then I'll be hungry...full....stuff.

I'm
Frank.

Jh...Anna's nasty. Gimme a donut.



It dumped out at me!!!!

OUR SO CALLED LIFE



RACHEL



BIANCA



ERICA



CONGRATULATIONS



ANNA!



Class of 1997



We Love You!

Your Sisters

Marni - Class of 1988
Rebecca - Class of 1990
Lisa - Class of 1994



FIELD HOCKEY SPECIALISTS



No Mercy

Be yourself ...

NOW WHAT?!!!

Scorpio

"Where Do You Go"

1997

I'm so excited

going off to college

out-of-control

BOYFRIENDS
GIRLFRIENDS, FAMILY, ANYONE

friends
It's a Promise!

To all our
teachers &
friends
who have
helped us during
all these wonderful 4
years.
Thank you! ☺
from all of
us

Let him have a life.

beautiful boys guy trauma

Wake
up
& dream

new look?

it works!

CAUTION! THIS IS AN AD

NOW, ASK ME IF I CARE!! Like I Do

beauty

Any
suggestions?

Remember
the
times...

Boy Scout of
the Year

Cristina A.

ANNE

Rachel & Jen

& d d

MOJADO

ANDY

ANZON

WE
WILL
MEET
14th STREET

AGAIN
SOME
DAY

Tina

Gwen

94-95

High School
Sweethearts
March 3, 1995

SKANK

Best Friends

Thadd, Mike,
Elizabeth & Bart

2 Years, 3 Months

VOLKSWAGON

THESE ARE THE TIMES WE WILL
REMEMBER

SCOTT
TRINA

97
Jen
& me
is like
peas &
carrots

JEN'S BOAT

JULY 4

Lake House
Weekends



Chillin'
Anne &
Jen

Inseparable



What
we have
become
???

JOM



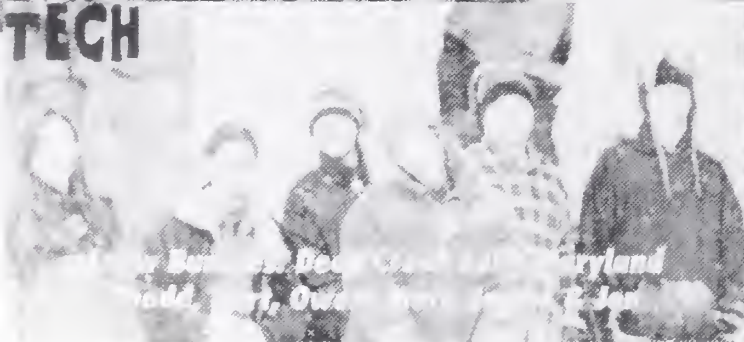
Welcome Home, Jen

PIMP
DADDY

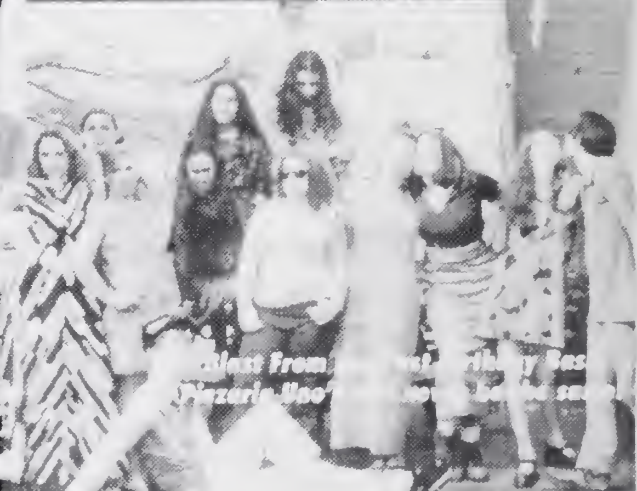
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TECH



ERZAT



JEN'S
VIOLET
GLITTER
BUG



Sprint Spectrum!

Alicia

Truth

from the Greek root Alice; from Adelaide

She is honest, happy, and sincere
an individual who is quiet
but enjoyable

She is faithful and warm-hearted
in friendship
She is a lady who spends hours
dreaming

Many hearts melt at her smile

Has much consideration before she
speaks

A lady who always strives for
perfection

JAVA SHAK

BF



Basketball

Bowling!

Right Sir!
Hi Sir!



ON
DEAR

THANKS
+
LOVE

DO
BEST!



Oh No! Oh No!



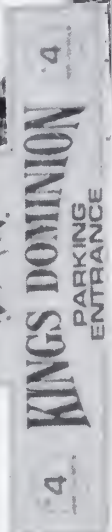
Leaky #2

Like I don't get it is somebody trying 2 tell
me something! So anyways me and
say hey Mr K' look this way

Dedicated to My best friend

That's chill
like Kool-Aid #3

What!



It's America's Favorite

1996-1997 madRiGA S

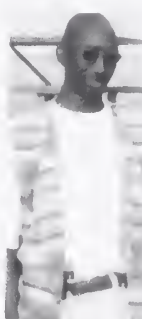


FRIENDS



And maybe in a team you are just a piece of the pie.

Sweet-Potato



practice makes perfect



girls who rule



you guys really frightened me



Simply great.



Fatal reactions to peanut



\$1.00 off



believe

can you



this guy?



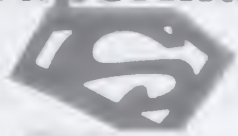
She's in a mood



may be preventable

FAMOUS FACES

'Superman'



Chris

(Greek Origin)

"Christian"

*"Behold, God is my helper;
the Lord is the upholder
of my life."
Psalm 124:1*



Paradise Found



So How Do I Win?



FREAK



Now How Am I A-gonna Do That?

Congratulations to Our Fultee !!!!

WE LOVE YOU,

From Mom and Dad



OUR MEN HECTOR GIRL JOANNA, CARRIE, AND ANNE'S TOKEN OF AFFECTION



SEXY MAMA



KEEP IT REAL
PEEPS



PEOPLE IN A 4 SEATER

VOOCHIE MAMA



ANNE'S NOISES

RICO SUAVE WEAR

SPAN REPORTER

CARRIE

ANNE'S LIPGLOSS

HOMECOMING '96 SLEEP OVER

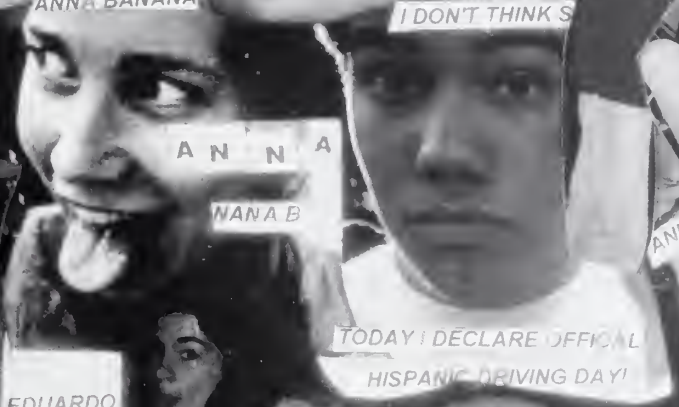


JOANNA "MOE FO"

ANNA BANANA

I DON'T THINK S

HELLLOOOO



ANNA

NANA B

TODAY I DECLARE OFFICIAL
HISPANIC DRIVING DAY!

EDUARDO

HAJAC

ANNA'S BABYSITING



TTT T'ARDO

CARRIE'S AKA "THE GOOSE'S" HONKING

KRISTIN



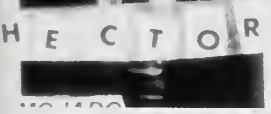
CHI-CHI AND RICKY



HAAAAAAYYYYY



HECTOR'S COLOGNE



HECTOR



PARTYING AFTER THE GAME



KRISTIN'S MEDICATION

CHILLIN AT HECTOR

I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO
TELL YOU THIS BUT

GUESS WHAT?



CARRIE'S 40'S



ANNE AND JOMAMA'S NOTE
DULLS



JOANNA

EVERYBODY DOING THEIR THING AT WOODMONT II



DEREK
ALL OUR LOVE TO YOU
MOM, DAD & DIANA





Daddy and Mommy
Thanks for helping me in the good
and bad time. I know that you guys
pray for me. If it wasn't for you guys
I still be in High School. Love you



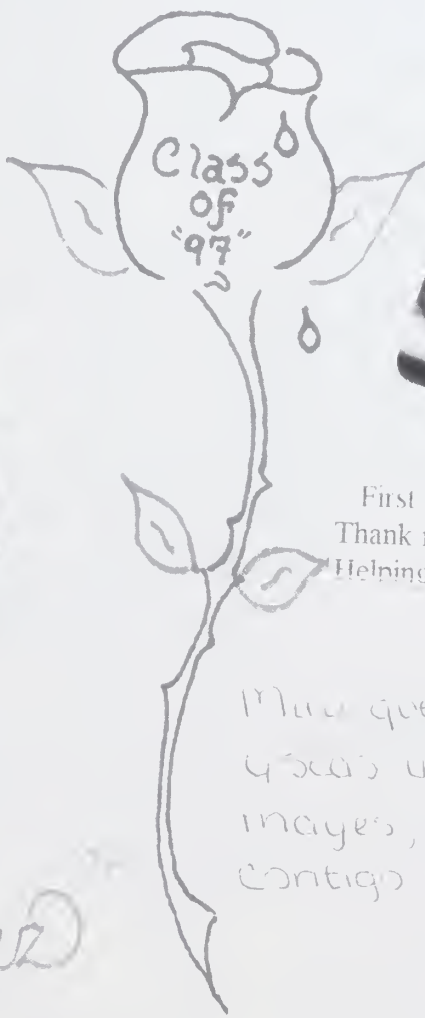
Yesi
"Hay sister" Well I made it. You
know that I thought I was never
going to make it. I know that I gave
you a hard. Please forgive me. Love you



Walter
"Hay Army Guy" Que pasa babe. Men
I made it. It was hard to get through.
I miss you a lot when you were in the
air force. Thanks God I have a brother
Like you. Love you



Henry
"Baby" I Love you a lot. I know we
have been through a lot of things.
But soon I will be with you. I pray
God that we can be together forever.



First of all I Like to
Thank my family from
Helping me to move on.

Mira que te mandan que te esfuerces
y seas valiente, no temas ni des-
mayes, porque Jehová tu Dios estará
contigo en dondequiera que vayas.

Isaías 41:10

Ester Diaz

I love you
Petunia!



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Congratulations Mike!
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From:

Mom

Dad

Alyssa

Chris

Coco



GENERAL
Jamal Z.
"97"



Christmas Eve "96"



Baby Jamal



Christmas Day '96



Homecoming "96"



Elvira P.
"96"

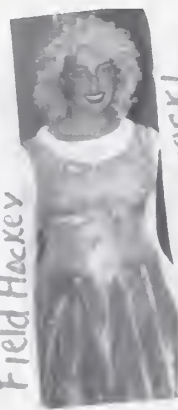
Baby Elvi





5 crew

Manuela



Field Hockey



"What's up Yo"

"Tina"



Passed Out

Pennsylvania
"You're Nuts"



35

So Many Memories



crazy!

Senior Year



again

The Cure!

OHIO!!

Gina, where are your keys



Farmer Boy

5 crew



We made it



Gina

what's your number



Tim

Friends till the end



Stood up Again



"My Name's Not Joe!"


Manuela, don't pee in my car

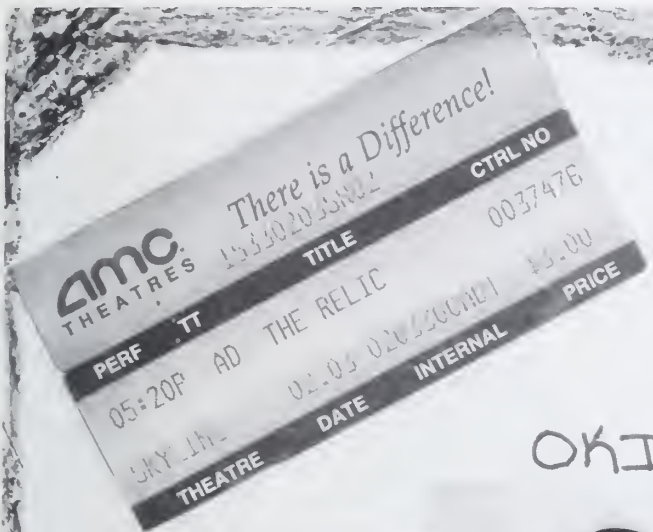
baby





Tyra Lei
Austin

We are very
proud of you! 
Love, Mom & Dad



LYNN & TYRA

LITTLE
(LYNN & LAYA)

OKI

KOOK-AIDEE

Feb.
5

LETTY

JAN.
30



Lynn,
I never knew what love was

until the
day I fell in
love with YOU
TYRA LEI



SHIRT DITZ

1GTA+LEVI
2nd + P, 9F
N.Y + V.A.
HIP HOP NATION
DA ROCKZ
HANE,

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40KcA: JAWAIF



TOP DAWG A.K.A: Mousa Mohamed Ghannam

Deal With This.

RAJ A.K.A: ALHYUL PAHEL

QUEST AKA MUKHOL BUREPT





CLASS
OF
'98

Friendship Forever

CLASS
OF
'97

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BANANA

SEAN



About the Editors

Eric Klintberg has been a real asset to the yearbook class for the past



Eric, relaxing while fishing in Indiana the summer before his senior year.

book and did an excellent job.

Last summer Eric and four other students attended the desktop publishing workshop in Harrisonburg, Virginia for a week of intense training. The result of that training session was the wonderful design of this year's cover and the creation of the templates for the divider pages throughout the yearbook that he and the Co-Editor-in-Chief, Gilbert

opportunity to provide an outstanding community service



Eric receives help from his friend during a summer adventure near Lake Erie.

three years. His flare for writing, outstanding knowledge of word processing and determination to master desktop publishing has enabled him to assist me with other students throughout the year.

Eric spent the first year learning basic yearbook principles. Although the class is somewhat overwhelming for a beginning student, Eric's tenacious attitude and good work ethic helped him to overcome much of the anxiety that first year students



Graduation, 1997.

while making several new friends. Although he has travelled to many different places some of his best experiences were his fishing trips in Indiana and Lake Erie.

Without the support of dedicated Editors, new students would have a difficult time drawing good layouts, cropping pictures and just learning the ropes well enough to make the "team effort" as easy as possible.



Eric with baby cousin, sophomore year.

Valdivieso created. If you like the cover and the divider pages be sure to tell him so. Most teachers will agree that all the hard work and effort seems insignificant if our students achieve a high level of success at the end of the learning experience as Eric did.

In addition to doing well in school in all areas, Eric has a full, exciting life. After the training camp last summer he enjoyed working as a lifeguard and travelling. While working as a lifeguard he had the



Eric laughing it up during a break from lifeguarding.

experience. By the second year Eric was doing so well that he was assigned the position of Editor of the Editions section of the year-

Eric, we appreciate your hard work and wish you the very best in whatever you decide to pursue in the future.

—Mrs. Dawson

Gilbert Valdivieso has been one of my most dependable students

Student Life to Organizations to Sports. Because of his successful completion of his assignments, with very little assistance from me, I knew he would be an excellent candidate for yearbook Editor.

Before he took on this responsibility I felt that it was critical that he attend the summer workshop so that he could

In addition to excelling in yearbook and school in general, Tony



Tony, escorted by his parents at the '96 Homecoming game.



Tony and Eric work hard at putting this year's yearbook together.

for three years. Because of his outstanding team spirit Tony (as we affectionately refer to him) has always been admired by all of his classmates. He spent a great deal of time assisting the students who worked on the sophomore section this year until all of their pages were complete. His knowledge of yearbook principles and desktop publishing allowed him to do this with ease.



Graduation, 1997.

has also done well in sports. His parents are very supportive of him and were present for one of his final games at the '96 Homecoming football game.

During the summer months Tony enjoys working, travelling, visiting relatives and socializing with close friends. Attending concerts in Washington, D. C. is one of the things that he likes to do best.



Tony relaxes with friend, P.T. Burch, at a concert in Washington, D. C.

get a more global understanding of how the yearbook is created. Tony did extremely well at the training camp. Together with Eric and the Josten's artist he designed the cover and created the templates for the divider sections of the '97 yearbook. Be sure to compliment him on this outstanding achievement when you see him. We are all proud of both of W-L's Co-Editors of the '97 yearbook.



Tony gets ready to go out for the evening.

Tony spent his first year in yearbook learning basic principles and covering stories in various sections of the yearbook--from

Tony, you leave us with many fond memories. Continue to search for excellence in all that you do.

--Mrs. Dawson



